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Board member: new option for middle schoolers

■ School board majority shoots down idea of providing alternative middle-grade strategy at two elementary schools. Company considering purchase of Lighthouse development is reported to be looking at construction of a north-area charter school.

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

School board member Karl Machschefes found himself alone Thursday night after presenting a detailed proposal to revamp the district's strategy for middle schoolers, and offer an alternative to their attendance at Golden State Middle School. His four colleagues on the board opted not to pursue his idea of adding middle school grades to a couple of local elementary schools.

Machschefes couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

His proposal was a radical one. Machschefes suggested that Washington Unified School District turn Southport and Alyce Norman elementary schools into kindergarten-through-eighth grade "magnet" schools. These two "magnet" schools would be open to application by students who would otherwise join their peers in leaving their elementary school after sixth grade and heading to Golden State Middle School. Machschefes argued that this current system contributes to the loss of many local students "to other school districts, private schools, charter schools and home schooling" when they opt out of Golden State.

Machschefes, unusually, prepared an entire agenda report on the proposal for Thursday's meeting. Such school board agenda reports are typically prepared only by district staff.

The report stated that the students who typically leave Washington Unified prior to entering Golden State Middle School "have, on average, greater parental involvement, higher test scores, better behavior and higher academic achievement" than those who remain. Giving these families the opportunity of enrolling in seventh and eight grades at one northern school (Alyce Norman) or one southern school (Southport) would help keep these kids in the district, he said.

Keeping the kids on smaller campuses would be a plus, argued Machschefes.

"Most middle schools are much larger (than elementary schools), and far too many children seem to get lost in the school."

He suggested that academics at these "magnet" schools be "similar, but not identical" to the program at Golden State, and that the shift would help alleviate overcrowding at Golden State. Athletics could still be offered for all middle school kids at Golden State, he said.

Meanwhile, district officials have reported that the Gruppe Company, which is considering the purchase of the riverfront Lighthouse residential development in West Sacramento's north, is looking at sponsorship of a charter school in the north. That school, presumably, would provide an alternative to attendance at other north-area schools.

Board member Irene Eklund joined colleagues Kevin Jones, Pat Flint and Dave Farmer in giving the proposal for two kindergarten-through-eighth grade campuses a cool reception at the board meeting.

"If our focus is on building a new high school, then that's what we need to focus on," Eklund said later. "His contention is this would take 400 kids from Golden State, and move 200 to Alyce Norman and 200 to Southport. Golden State is not overcrowded – they have empty classrooms. Both the elementary schools are overcrowded. But if we solve the problem of a new high school, it will create two middle schools for the district."

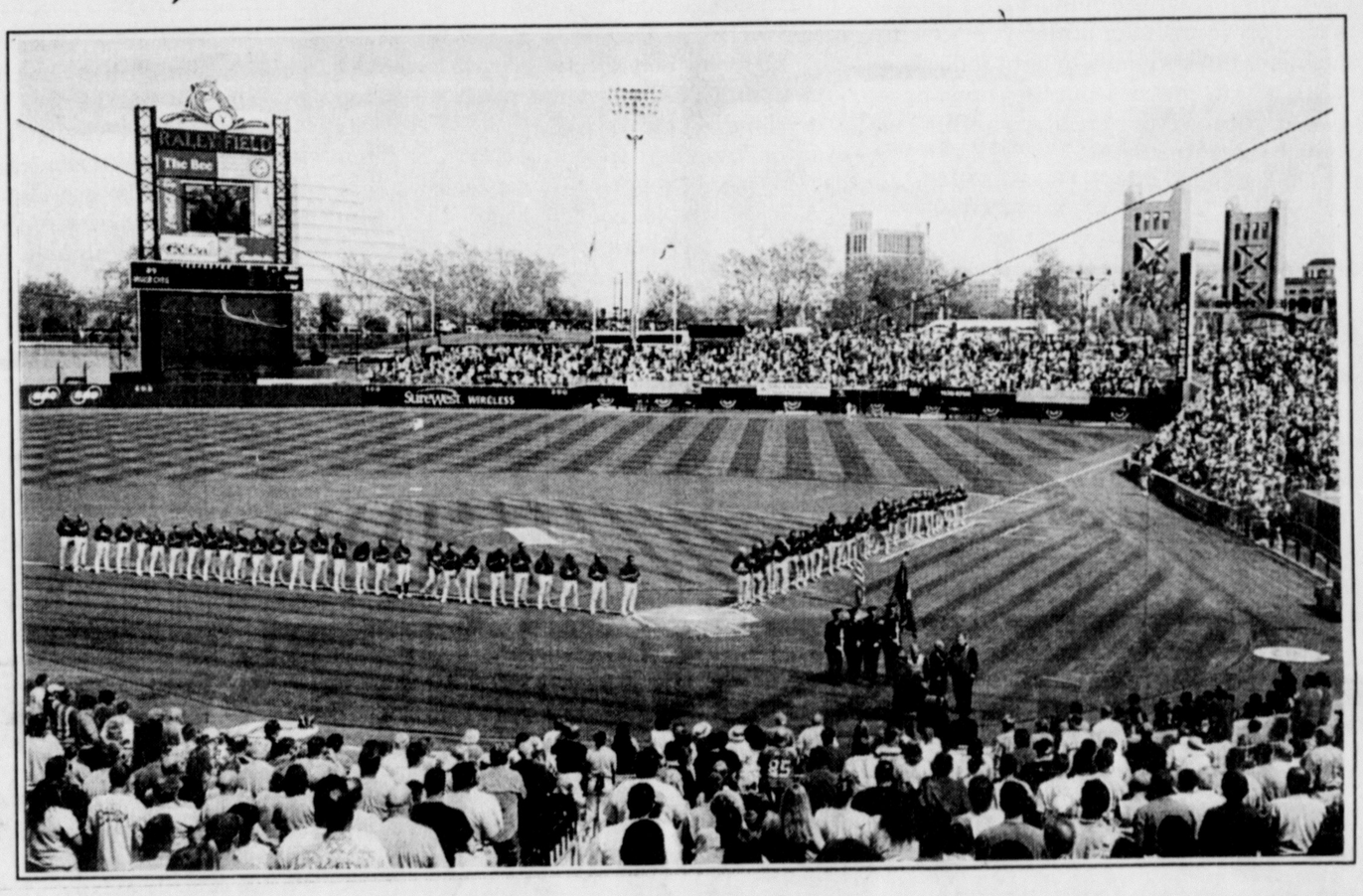
Does Eklund agree that seventh and eight graders might do better on "K-8" campuses, instead of entering a single, larger middle school campus?

"If you want to find research to base an argument like that on, if you look hard enough, you can find a reason to go either way. Most of his research was very old, and it was also from big cities like Philadelphia. What do they have in common with West Sacramento?"

Machschefes characterized the alternatives to his plan as continuing to lose students from the local public school system around seventh grade, "leaving the door open" for privately-run charter schools, and possibly watching the split of Washington Unified into a "north" and a "south" district.

The board opted not to further study the proposal.

First, the national anthem



PLAYERS from the River Cats (left) and Oakland A's (right) lined the sidelines Sunday before the two teams met for an exhibition game at Raley Field in West Sacramento. Pre-game ceremonies included a color guard (foreground). More on page three. *Photo by Barry Blacklaw*

Large student rally supports teachers

While contract negotiations between Washington Unified School District and its teachers' union remain at impasse, several hundred River City High School students expressed their support for the teachers' demands by marching on district headquarters and then on to West Capitol Ave. on March 19.

The rally began at the campus before school, at 7 a.m.

"I felt the teachers deserve more respect than they're getting," said Natalie Blacklaw, a high school junior who marched in the protest. "I know that having us march wouldn't make any difference, but it was basically on principal and to let the teachers know we support them."

The pre-planned rally was scheduled to end before school, at 7:45. But stretched into the campus's first period classes as students marched to the corner of Merkley of West Capitol Avenue, debated whether to continue on to the capitol building in Sacarmento, and finally turned around and headed back to school.

At least one student – Blacklaw – believed the turnabout was forced by police.

"They told us they were going to arrest (student leader) Malakai Mumui if we didn't turn around," she said.

West Sacramento police officer Amy Weirich was among the police who turned out to try to prevent problems.

"We mostly did traffic control," she said. "When they got to Merkley at West Capitol, there was some disagreement among the group. Some wanted to go to the capitol and some did not. The leaders got together and got them all to go back to district headquarters."

Weirich said that a few students began sitting in the street at the beginning of the rally, but the student leaders talked them out of creating a "sit-in" that blocked roads.

"There was no property damage that we know of, no arrests, no fighting – it was a pretty peaceful protest," said Weirich.

The Washington Teachers Association is asking for a cost of living adjustment upwards to their salaries. The district, saying the state's budget may force local cuts, has argued that there may not be enough money to support pay raises, and has sent notices warning of possible layoffs in the 2003-2004 school year.

PROTEST MARCHERS (photo courtesy of River City High 'Review')

This week in local government

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) invites you to attend a presentation and community discussion on "smart growth and the impacts of urban sprawl" on Monday, April 7, from 7-9 p.m. at the Arthur F. Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. in West Sacramento. For more information, call 296-1031.

ECOS also encourages West Sacramento residents to register for the upcoming "Blueprint for the Future" planning workshop at the civic center on April 10, by visiting www.sacregionblueprint.org. The workshop is sponsored by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

The West Sacramento City Council will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at city hall.

The meeting will include consideration of assessment and maintenance for landscaping and lighting district number one and the Raley's Landing storm drain maintenance district; and submittal of code enforcement grant application.

School board members of Washington Unified School District will hold a special meeting tonight at 6 p.m. at the district boardroom, 930 Westacre Road.

The scheduled items are all "closed session" matters, including a conference with the district's real estate negotiator, conference with legal counsel, and conference with labor negotiators. Among the discussion items are expected to be discussion of a proposed high school site purchase near Jefferson and Linden Road, and discussion of the ongoing teachers' salary negotiations, which are currently at impasse.

School paper inside

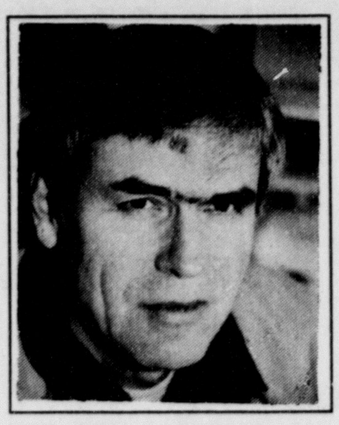
This edition of the News-Ledger includes a four-page insert of the "Review," River City High School's student newspaper.

The "Review" is written and edited by instructor Chris Allan and her journalism class at the school. It is printed by the News-Ledger as a community service.

This issue of the "Review" is the students' "April Fool" edition -- look for a mixture of real and "pretend" articles.

Memory Lane, & a few things you might not know

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

An old high school friend of mine who now lives down around Los Angeles recently emailed me the following, entitled "Looking Back", and I thought I'd share part of it with you:

Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have. My mom used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife, without washing with bleach, yet we didn't seem to get food poisoning. She used to defrost hamburger on the counter and I used to eat it raw sometimes, but I can't ever remember getting E-coli. As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags, and riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs, toys, and rooms were painted with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a expensive bottle. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. We didn't have cell phones and no one was able to check on us all day long. We ate cupcakes, candy bars, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda, but we were never overweight because we were outside playing all the time.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in a lake instead of a heated, pristine pool. We all took gym (not PE) and risked permanent injury wearing a pair of high top Keds instead of cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built-in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries, but they must have happened, because they are always telling us how much safer we are now.

I also can't recall how bored we were without computers, Nintendo, or 270 digital cable stations. I must be repressing that memory as I try to rationalize through the denial of the dangers which could have befallen us as we trekked of each day about a mile down the road to an old vacant lot to build forts out of branches and pieces of plywood, made trails, and fought over who got to be the Lone Ranger. What was that property owner thinking, letting us play on that lot? He should have been locked up for not putting up a fence around the property, complete with a self-closing gate and an infrared intruder alarm.

Mom used to invite the door-to-door salesman inside for coffee, Dad drove a car with leaded gas, and we all felt perfectly safe when we slept in campgrounds in the family tent. And to top everything off, not a single person I knew was ever told they were from a dysfunctional family. How could we possibly have known that we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes? Heck, we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!

And for those of you who think you probably already know everything, here's some stuff you just may have missed:

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer; babies are born without kneecaps and they don't appear until a child reaches two to six years of age; butterflies taste with their feet; In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak; if the population of China started walking past you single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction; if you are an average American, you will spend six months of your life waiting at red lights; it's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open; Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors; Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister; peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite; Pinocchio is Italian for "pine eye"; rubber bands last longer when refrigerated; the average person falls asleep in seven minutes; the characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life"; the microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket; there are more chickens than people in the world; a dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours; a snail can sleep for three years; there's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones chewable vitamins; tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur; your stomach produces a new layer of mucus every two weeks; women blink their eyes nearly twice as much as men; and Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

New books at your local library branch

From Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, West Sacramento

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"The Barbary Plague: The Black Death in Vitorinan San Francisco" by Marilyn Chase; "Identity Theft: How to Protect Your Most Valuable Asset" by Robert Hammond; "The Saddam Hussein Reader: Selections from Leading Writers of Iraq" edited by Turi Munthe; "Triumph and Tragedy in Mudville: A Lifelong Passion for Baseball" By Stephen J. Gould; and "Marching Home: To War and Back with the Men of One American Town" by Kevin Coyne.

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Obituaries

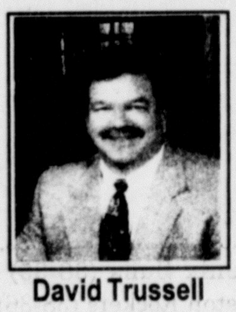
Vivian Howard

Vivian Howard passed away in Sacramento at the age of 74 on March 26, 2003. She was the beloved wife of the late Bert Howard; the loving mother of Evelyn (Richard) Burke, Bruce Howard, Susan (Michael) Bushbaum, and Brenda (Donald) Twomey; the dear sister of Jackie Veronie, Shirley Hamula, Kay Shaw, Jay Walker, and Russ and John Harrison; the devoted grandmother of Richard, Greg, Trisha, Christian, Patrick, Mark, Julian and Jessey; and the great grandmother of Brittany, Daniel, Kaleb and Bradley.

Vivian was a lifelong area resident and a member of the Women's Auxiliary, VFW Post #8762.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 11 a.m. in West Sacramento's River Cities Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment. Memorials may be offered to the Union Gospel Mission, 400 Bannon Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The rest of the story...



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MARY ASKS:

"I now know how important credit scores are, and how they directly affect my home buying ability, but how are credit scores derived?"

DAVID TRUSSELL RESPONDS:

First, there are three bureaus that are used in almost every credit inquiry we make: Beacon (Equifax), Emperica (Trans Union) and Fair Isaac (Experian). Most industries use the acronym of FICO, which basically refers to all three bureaus' scores.

Your scores are derived through models. Your model is compared to persons with similar credit across the country.

There are, however, some basics the model looks at first:

1. Each bureau looks at all revolving (credit card), installment (cars, boats, furniture, etc.), mortgage debt & inquiries first. What they are looking for is potential risk. High balances on accounts, late payments, recent new accounts, inquiries, collections, etc.

2. Having many accounts open is not necessarily bad; but what is bad is having the balances of those accounts close to or at the credit limit.

3. Current activity on old accounts. Yes, paying off collections is very wise; however, they can disrupt the activity model on your credit. So pay off collections when you know you have them.

Truly explaining how credit scores are deived would require having to go to one of my workshops. But in the meantime, to keep your credit scores on the rise, here are some basics to live by:

- Keep revolving debt balance at 33% of the limit.
- Keep your inquiries at a minimum. Get your credit scores & remember them. When applying for credit, tell the salesperson your scores before they run your credit again. A good rep should be able to decipher your loan qualifications based on your scores.
- Simply put, pay your bills on time; keep balances low on credit cards, and don't buy something new every six months.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: The Norman Conquest was an important moment in what nation's history?
2. MOVIES: Who starred in the 1945 movie "Don't Fence Me In"?
3. ENTERTAINERS: Who was known as the "Vagabond Lover"?
4. BIBLE: According to the Book of Acts, who was the first Christian martyr?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was the prognosticator Nostradamus born?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the ancient region of Thrace?
7. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who said, "Anyone who hates dogs and children can't be all that bad"?
8. NATURAL WORLD: The genus Obelia includes what kinds of creatures?
9. ASTRONOMY: Deimos is a moon of which planet in our solar system?
10. MONARCHIES: Which king made Catherine de Medici his queen?

Answers

1. England
2. Roy Rogers
3. Rudy Valle
4. Stephen
5. France
6. Greece
7. W.C. Fields
8. Marine invertebrate animals
9. Mars
10. Henry II

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SPORTS

Sports Insider

By Rich Novoa

It was a wild weekend of sports in America with the NCAA basketball down to the final four and the NBA, NHL and Major League baseball in full swing.

NCAA Tournament

The Men's Tournament provided the nation with a few surprising upsets this week as three of the tournament favorites were sent home packing. Three out the four No. 1 seeds lost his weekend as Marquette stunned powerhouse Kentucky 83-69 and Kansas out played Arizona 78-75. These two fine teams will meet in the finals on Saturday, April 5th at the New Orleans Superdome.

Kansas should win this game but Marquette has an incredible player in Dwayne Wade, who can dominate a college game from his point guard position. If Kansas fails to stop Wade, who had 29 points, 11 rebounds, and 11 assists against Kentucky, they will the next victims of the Golden Eagles.

In the other bracket the Syracuse freshman outsmarted the veteran squad of No. 1 seeded Oklahoma handing the Sooners a 63-47 beating in their own backyard in Albany, New York. The Orangemen will face the only No.1 seed surviving in the tournament, the Texas Longhorns. This game is a toss-up but the new NCAA champion will come from the winner of Kansas and Marquette. The winners will play for the national championship on Monday, April 7th (6:22 p.m.).

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (52-22) are in the middle of their Eastern road trip that will take them through Indiana, Washington D.C., Boston and finally to Philadelphia on Sunday night.

The Kings are currently in second place in the Western Conference, 3 ½ games behind Dallas (55-18) but six games ahead of Portland for the Pacific Division title. The Kings are looking good with only 8 games remaining before the playoffs start on April 17th.

San Antonio (53-20) holds the tiebreaker over the Kings for home field advantage should the two teams meet in the playoffs. The Kings' first round opponents are still fighting for position in the seeding ladder. The Lakers (43-31) and Jazz (43-30) are very close in the sixth and seventh spot while Minnesota is two games ahead of both these clubs. The Phoenix Suns (38-35) and Houston Rockets (38-36) are battling for the eighth and final spot and the Golden State Warriors (36-38) are still mathematically alive.

The Kings started to celebrate a little last Sunday in Detroit with a 21-point lead in the game and history of beating the Pistons in their back pockets. The Silver, Black and Purple had beaten Detroit eight consecutive games, but the Kings forgot the Pistons are a good club that is currently in first place the Eastern Conference, a few games ahead of the Nets and Sixers. The Pistons also had the ex-Kings factor working against them as ex-team mates Corliss Williamson and Jon Barry came off the bench to lead the come-from-behind victory of the Kings. The Kings' next home game will be on Tuesday, April 8th against Seattle.

Major League Baseball

The San Francisco Giants opened the season with a 5-2 win on Monday in San Diego. The Giants welcomed some new players and will open the

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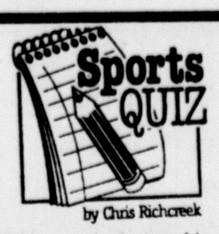
RCHS tennis wins two

The River City High School tennis team defeated Capital Valley Conference opponents Sacramento Country Day 8 to 1 and Rio Linda 9 to 0 in last week's play. The Raiders remain alone in first place in the CVC with an unblemished 8-0 record and are 11-0 overall in 2003.

Senior girls singles players Nikki Hansen and Irina Istomin led River City with dominating performances in both contests. Boys singles players Bhaves Patel and Sen Saetern also posted solid victories in their matches.

Doubles highlights from the week included a pair of wins by the Raiders' #1 girls duo of Nai Saelee and Mai Ker Yang, and a marathon triumph by Cheng Saetern and Noe Puente. Freshman John Shofner and Savuth Touch also teamed up for a 10-7 victory against Rio Linda.

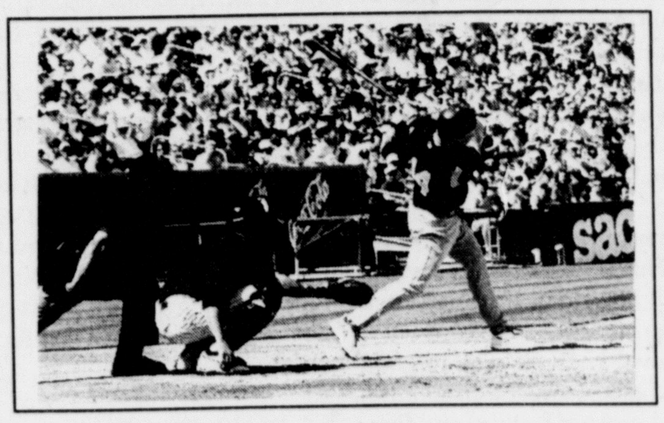
The Raiders will host Vanden, currently in second place in the CVC, on April 3rd at 3:30 p.m. Argonaut comes to West Sacramento on April 7th for a non-league contest, and the CVC's third place Dixon Rams are in town the following day.



1. Who was the last rookie pitcher to win 10-plus games in a season for the Baltimore Orioles before Rodrigo Lopez won 15 in 2002?
2. Bob and Joel Skinner were the second father-son in baseball history to each be a major-league manager. Who was the first?
3. How many seasons was Barry Sanders the starting tailback at Oklahoma State?
4. Name the first NBA team to have two players who each made 200-plus 3-point shots in the same season?
5. How many people have coached the Philadelphia Flyers since Terry Murray led the team to the Stanley Cup finals in 1997?
6. Who was the first PBA bowler to go 12-0 in match play in one tournament?
7. True or false: Jack Dempsey, Sugar Ray Robinson and Kid Gavilan were all members of the inaugural class inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

Answers On Back Page

Boys of summer return to Raley Field





BASEBALL came back to Raley Field this weekend, with the first-ever exhibition game between two major league teams -- Seattle and Texas -- on Saturday, followed by the annual exhibition game between the Sacramento River Cats and their major league "big brother" club, the Oakland A's.

Above left, A's second baseman Mark Ellis connects with the ball during his team's 12-1 defeat of the River Cats.

Above right, A's pitching ace Barry Zito signs autographs at the West Sacramento stadium. Zito is a recent alum of the River Cats, who are the A's Triple-A farm club.

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322 Bridge Place, $157,000. Gorgeous 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath condo, Tow[illegible] New paint, updated kitchen, [illegible] neighborhood. 2-car garage, private [illegible] Access to 2 pools, hot tub, BBQ p[illegible]nnis, Debbie Bair 802-8447.
PENDING SALE

1565 Coit Pl., $267,500. VERY CLEAN 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1502 sq ft home in Gateway subdvsn. Lrg master suite w/sitting area, upgraded carpet, tile & appliances, more! Jina & Perry, 425-1270.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 18, 2003
File No. 2003-179

The following person is doing business as SquarePeg Productions, 157 Louise Ln, Davis CA 95616.

Peggy Galusha, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/18/03.

/s/Peggy Galusha

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Feb 18, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 13, 2003
File No. 2003-172

The following person is doing business as Steve's Mainly Mopars, 3020 Duluth St. #5, W. Sacramento, CA 95691.

Stephen Szabo, 3020 Duluth St. #5, W. Sacramento CA 95691; Patricia Money, 1517 Laurel Ln., W. Sac. CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/11/03.

/s/Stephen Szabo
/s/Patricia Money

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Feb. 13, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 31, 2003
File No. 2003-108

The following person is doing business as Classics4sale.com; Used Autos 4 Sale, 1936 Maxwell Ave., Woodland CA 95776.

Andrew Gutierrez, 2810 C.R. 88C, Dunnigan CA 95937; Debbi Gutierrez, 1936 Maxwell Ave., Woodland CA95776.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/1997.

/s/Andrew Gutierrez
/s/Debbi Gutierrez

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Jan. 31, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Marshall Crossing project located north of the intersection of Marshall Road and Seymour Avenue in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of a request to amend the General Plan and rezone approximately 20 acres from Rural Estates (RE) to Single Family Residential (R-1-B). The request also includes a subdivision to create 37 lots on 15 of the acres to be rezoned. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the April 17, 2003, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on April 17, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Mar 26

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 25, 2003
File No. 2003-202

The following person is doing business as The Lexington, 1100 Olive Drive, Davis CA 95616:

Julian R. Youmans, 44124 Greenview Dr., El Macero, CA 95618; Reed N. Youmans, 44735 S. El Macero, CA 95618; John E. Youmans, 1209 Fordham Dr., Davis CA 95616; Julian M. Youmans, 2334 Benton Pl., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

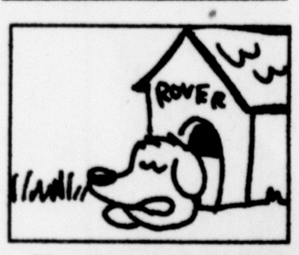
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/5/03.

/s/Julian R. Youmans
/s/Reed N. Youmans
/s/J. Youmans

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb. 25, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Almost one in three families in the U.S. and France own a dog. Germany and Switzerland have one dog for every 10 families.

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There are a terrible lot of lies going abut the world, and the worst of it is that half of them are true.
—Winston Churchill

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice. Then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind to the possibilities of facts you're currently not aware of.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the 11th, the Lions' Dens become a purrrfect place for you Fine Felines to relax in through the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project that long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up those travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on that novel or painting you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievement is great. But watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose you valuable support with your next project.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice, along with your leadership qualities, help you protect the rights of others.

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Across the Bridge:

Events around the region

'Liars contest

The Sacramento Storytellers Guild is presenting its 6th Annual Liars Contest, held in honor of April Fools Day and the filing of income taxes. The event is open to all adult contestants who want to tell a boast, lie or tale that is short in duration although long in nature. The contest will be held April 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Senior Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. Entry fee is $10. Call 331-5523 for more information.

Experience the Civil War

The Civil War Experience will be held at Gibson Ranch County Park on May 3-4. Travel back in time to 1863 and experience the excitement and times of Federal and Confederate soldiers. There will be military camps, memorabila, arts and crafts, and battle reenactments. Appearances will also be made by heroic individuals such as Abrahma Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and generals Grant and Lee.

Wedding dress extravaganza

Choose from 100 designer wedding gowns (any dress for just $200) with all proceeds to benefit the Sacramento Children's Home on April 6th from 2-4 p.m. at the Casa Garden Restaurant on 2760 Sutterville Road in Sacramento. The event will include free wedding cake and a fashion show. For more information, call 452-3981.

Religious art festival

St. John's Lutheran Church will sponsor its 34th Religious Art Festival from April 12-27. Hours of the exhibition are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. The church is located at 1723 L Street in Sacramento and for more information, call 444-0874.

Spring swap meet

The Hays Antique Truck Museum swap meet will be held on April 6th in the parking lot of the Woodland Community College near County Road 102 and Gibson Road. From Interstate 5, take Road 102 South one mile. From Highway 113, take Gibson Road 1 mile East.

The swap meet is a place where restorers or collectors of mechanical items can wade through acres of hard to find items to complete their restoration project. For more information, call 530-666-1044.

African violet competition

On April 5-6 the Capital City African Violet Society will hold its annual judged show and sale. Show plants and sale plants will reflect the variety of bloom, foliage and plant sizes available. The event will be held at the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3300 McKinely Boulevard.

SCC play

Storytime Theater of Sacramento City College will present "The Boy Who Cried Wolf", adapted and directed by Doug Lawson on April 3,5, and 6 at Fairytale Town (across from the Sacramento Zoo) in William Land Park. For times of performance and other information, call 264-5233.

Wildlife refuge open

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be open on March 22nd with docent guided walks beginning at 10 a.m. To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. You will be able to see birds of prey, waterfowl, and shorebirds wading in the wetlands from the wildlife viewing platform. For more information, call 775-4420.

Sacramento Zoo plant program

First Saturday at the Sacramento Zoo will take place on April 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature "Gardens Alive!" You will be able to walk among the flora and fauna and discover heritage oaks, pine groves, bamboo and lotus blossoms, camellia and rose gardens as well as many other exotic and unusual plants. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 264-5888.

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News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Sunday Worship 6pm Prayer Time Wed. 7pm http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. CA 95691 (916) 371-5875 Rev. Bradley Van Sant Services: Sun. 10 a.m.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School 9:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** 10am Sacrament Meeting 11:20am Sunday School 12:10pm Priesthood/Relief Society PUBLIC WELCOME! 373-1801	**River of Life Community Church** Pastor Dave Losey 3605 Gregory Ave. 10 a.m. Worship Children's Programs Youth 6 p.m. www.intheriver.com 371-6706

River Cats – Southport/Bridgeway Island

Southport Bridgeway Island To Game:	Mon-Fri nights All games at 7:05		Sat/Sun nights 6:05 games	 6:05 & 7:05 games	 7:05 games	12:05/1:05 games 4/14, 4/18, 5/2, 5/5, 5/19, 6/9, 8/20 12:05 games	 12:05 & 1:05 games	 1:05 games only
Golden Gate/Sherman Is.	5:12 PM	6:12 PM	4:12 PM	5:12 PM	6:12 PM	10:12 AM	11:12 AM	12:12 PM
Golden Gate/Tortola	5:14 PM	6:14 PM	4:14 PM	5:14 PM	6:14 PM	10:14 AM	11:14 AM	12:14 PM
Oakland Bay/Martinique	5:16 PM	6:16 PM	4:16 PM	5:16 PM	6:16 PM	10:16 AM	11:16 AM	12:16 PM
Oakland Bay/Golden Gate	5:17 PM	6:17 PM	4:17 PM	5:17 PM	6:17 PM	10:17 AM	11:17 AM	12:17 PM
Linden/Canvasback	5:23 PM	6:23 PM	4:23 PM	5:23 PM	6:23 PM	10:23 AM	11:23 AM	12:23 PM
Linden/Brenda	5:24 PM	6:24 PM	4:24 PM	5:24 PM	6:24 PM	10:24 AM	11:24 AM	12:24 PM
Linden/Higgins	5:25 PM	6:25 PM	4:25 PM	5:25 PM	6:25 PM	10:25 AM	11:25 AM	12:25 PM
Linden/Summerfield	5:26 PM	6:26 PM	4:26 PM	5:26 PM	6:26 PM	10:26 AM	11:26 AM	12:26 PM
Linden/Touchstone	5:27 PM	6:27 PM	4:27 PM	5:27 PM	6:27 PM	10:27 AM	11:27 AM	12:27 PM
Pheasant Club	5:29 PM	6:29 PM	4:29 PM	5:29 PM	6:29 PM	10:29 AM	11:29 AM	12:29 PM
Jefferson/Gateway	5:31 PM	6:31 PM	4:31 PM	5:31 PM	6:31 PM	10:31 AM	11:31 AM	12:31 PM
Jefferson/15th	5:33 PM	6:33 PM	4:33 PM	5:33 PM	6:33 PM	10:33 AM	11:33 AM	12:33 PM
Raley Field	5:45 PM	6:45 PM	4:45 PM	5:45 PM	6:45 PM	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	12:45 PM

DEPARTS 15 minutes after last out. Post game event delays departure to 15 minutes after event ends.

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- 1 post-game trip
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Call (530) 666-2877 800-371-2877 or log onto: www.yolobus.com

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 28, 2003
File No. 2003-223

The following person is doing business as Action Entertainment, 1880 Cowell Blvd. #154, Davis CA 95616.

Edward Min, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2003.

/s/Edward Min

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Feb. 28, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 28, 2003
File No. 2003-220

The following person is doing business as Black Crewst Friesians, 23740 C.R. 102, Woodland CA 95776.

Sandi L. Riemenschneider and Ronald L. Riemenschneider, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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Date: Feb. 28, 2003
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NOTICE OF HEARING
APRIL 17, 2003

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, April 17, 2003, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1
None
Regular Agenda
Item #2
Review of Pertinent Changes Pertaining to Planning Commissioners from the Boards and Commissions Ordinance (03-02)

This item is a review of changes that apply to Planning Commissioners from the February 19, 2003 adoption of the Boards and Commissions Ordinance by the City Council. (SR)

Item #3
Major Modification to the Russian Baptist Church Conditional Use Permit (CUP 03-02)

This item is a major modification of an existing conditional use permit for the Russian Baptist Church. This application will establish standards and conditions of approval for making the existing facility be more compatible with adjacent residential land uses. The property is located at 828 Solano Avenue (APN #14-061-26) and is zoned R1-A (single family residential). A Categorical Exemption has been filed on the project. OWNER/APPLICANT: Russian Baptist Church, 828 Solano Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (DT)

Item #4
Urban Village Separator Study

Presentation and discussion of possible strategies to strengthen the buffer zones intended to separate the urban villages in the Southport Framework Plan. Staff will present the purpose of the study, the areas under consideration, and possible planning and zoning options. (RVB & GF)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Apr 2

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 12, 2003
File No. 2003-167

The following person is doing business as Advanced Property Management, 2927 Audubon Cir., Davis CA 95616.

Marco Babich, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7-1-99.

/s/Marco Babich

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Date: Feb 12, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: GLORIA TELLEZ, 2248 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacramento CA 95691.

Doing Business as: El Venado.

All other business names and addresses used by the Seller within the past three years, as stated by the Seller, are: NONE.

The name and address of the Buyer are: Ramone Antonio, 2248 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691.

The assets being sold are generally described as: Fixtures and Equipment, Goodwill, Covenant Not to Compete, Leasehold Improvements, Inventory, and are located at: 2248 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacramento CA 95691.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Fidelity National Title Company, 2180 Harvard Street, Suite 310, Sacramento, CA 95815 and the anticipated sale date is April 18, 2003.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Fidelity National Title Company, 2180 Harvard Street, Suite 310, Sacramento, CA 95815 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be April 17, 2003, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: March 25, 2003
Fidelity National Title Company, Escrow Agent for Buyer and Seller
By: /s/M. Bennett, Escrow Agent
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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Parella 2 Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #4558 located one-half mile north of Linden Road and east of Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of subdividing 41.5 acres into 73 single-family lots. The project also includes a 3.3-acre park site and a 16.3-acre remainder parcel. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645.)

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the May 1, 2003, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 1, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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Vysochin wins Rotary prize



ALEX PIERSON (second place), TEGAN COFFIN (third place), INNA VYSOCHIN (first place) and CORY SOLO (4th place) display their West Sacramento Rotary speech contest award certificates

Speaking on the topic "Sow the Seeds of Love", River City High School junior Inna Vysochin gained top honors recently in a speech contest held by the Rotary Club of West Sacramento. With the victory, she earned the right to compete against other winners from nearby Rotary clubs for the chance to win a $1,000 scholarship at Rotary's District finals, to be held on May 17th in Sparks, Nevada.

Alex Pierson took second place honors, Tegan Coffin was third, and Cory Solo was fourth in the competition, which was held March 21st at Club Pheasant in West Sacramento. Each of the River City students won cash gifts, certificates of award and high praise from the Rotarians and other community leaders who were present.

"It was obvious that they put a lot of work into their presentations," said Rotary member Dick Uno, this year's speech contest coordinator. "Inna spoke straight from her heart and we felt she did an outstanding job. All of the students impressed us with their poise and preparation. We are obviously very proud to have young people like these in our community."

Vysochin's speech included the true story of one young man's impact on a depressed and destitute orphaned child in Russia. By sowing a single seed of love, the young man had changed the orphan's life forever.

The Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets weekly on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. at Club Pheasant. Those who are interested are invited to join them for lunch. More details about Rotary and its many projects and services can be found on the club's website at www.westsacramentorotary.org.

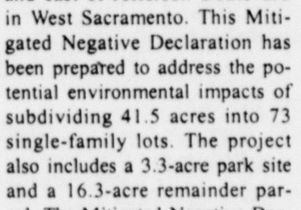
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Wit has truth in it. Wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.
—Dorothy Parker

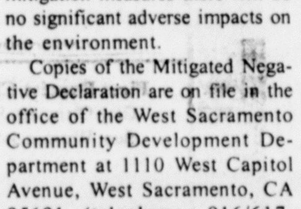
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Uncertainty is the prerequisite to gaining knowledge and frequently the result as well.
—Edith Hamilton

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White shelled eggs are produced by hens with white feathers and ear lobes. Brown shelled eggs are produced by hens with red feathers and red ear lobes.

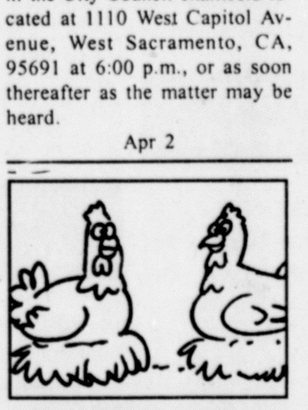


Jefferson wrote his own epitaph without mentioning that he served as President of the United States.

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Life is like a B-picture script. It is that corny. If I had my life story offered to me to film, I'd turn it down
— Kirk Douglas.

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The world's largest rodent is the Capybara. An Amazon water hog that looks like a guinea pig, it can weigh more than 100 pounds.

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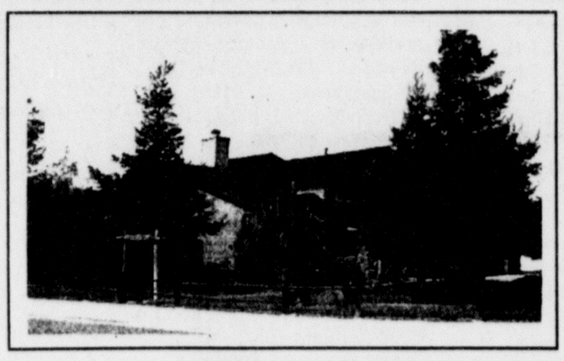
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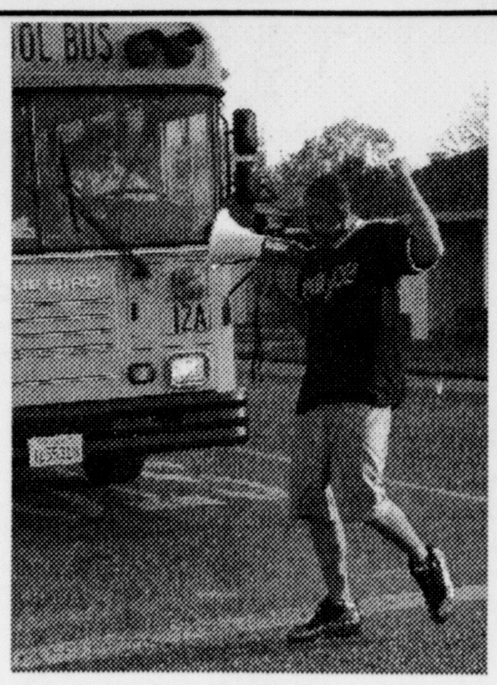
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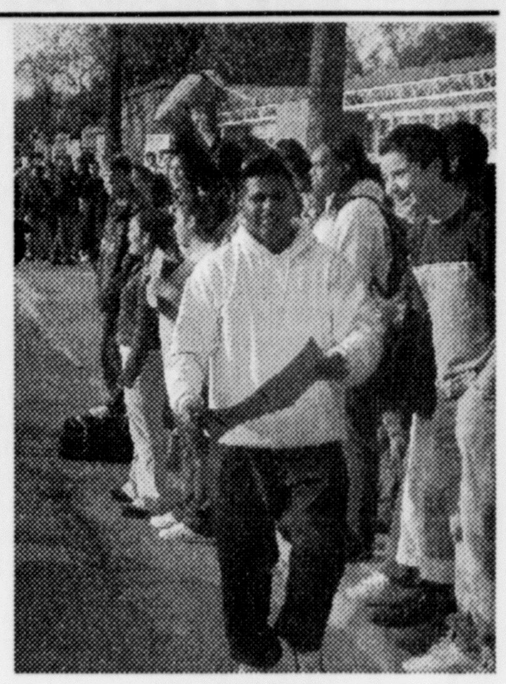
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Fight the Power

River City students protest to keep their teachers

By Amanda Bautz and Lucy Mendoza
Staff Writers

In what is being called the largest and most organized protest in the history of River City High School, hundreds of students waved signs and cheered to protest against recent teacher layoffs on the morning of Wednesday, March 19. "We don't want our education to be jeopardized became of the teachers being laid off," said Alvin Singh, the junior who organized the protest.

Many students arrived at 7:00 in the morning to show their support. Some held up neon green signs to show passersby their feelings about the layoff notices sent to 121 R.C. teachers the previous week. Many of the signs read, "Honk for your teachers" and R.C. news editor Daniel Wilson counted over 100 vehicles honking their horn in support of teachers.

"How does the district expect me to get the education I deserve with the possibility of classes being more overcrowded next that they are this year? It won't work," said freshman Jessica Martinez.

The protest was originally supposed to end at 7:45, but many of the students decided to go to the district office and protest there. With Malachi Mumui on a bullhorn leading them, students said they thought being at the district office would help them be heard by the people responsible for the layoffs.

"Teachers affect us deeply in our lives," said sophomore D.J. Butler. "They help us in any way they can and care about our future. Teachers deserve to stay and even get a higher pay. They make the difference." Principal Geivett tried stopping the students from leaving, but they refused and continued on their way.

"The flyers said that the protest would end at 7:45 and I supported that," comment Geivett. " It evolved into cutting first period and going to the district office. At that point they went too far. The ones who went above and beyond the flyer are the ones that I'm upset with."

When the students still thought they weren't being heard at the district office, they decided to walk to the state capitol. On their way, riot police forced them to go back to the district office once again and to keep their protest there.

Student leader Singh said the police were cooperative and helpful and even "advised students on how not to get in trouble or do anything illegal."

Officer Warren Estrada said, "I think it went well for the most part and students got their point across."

By the time the students returned to the district office, several news stations had arrived to interview students, and reporters from the Sacramento Bee and the News Ledger were there as well. As students were being interviewed, others chanted in front of the district's office door and said that they would not be leaving any time soon. Two members of the district staff came outside to give protesters a thumbs down sign.

"I can't believe someone would do that to a group of students protesting to save our teachers. We're doing it for a good cause," commented freshman Michelle Smith.

The estimated numbers of students who participated in the protest was estimated at between 300 (Mr. Geivett) to 500 (Patty Yamat, president of WTA, Washington Teachers Association).

The students eventually went back to River City, where they waited and chanted in the quad until the end of second period. With the encouragement of Mumui, everyone went back to class for third period and the rest of the school day.

"It was effective...parents wouldn't really have known what was going on and now they will because of the news," said Singh.

Note to our readers: This issue is a combination of real stories and April Fool's stories. You may be surprised what is true, and what is false. See if you can separate fact from fiction.

Updates and Briefs

Department Briefs

• The P.E. Department gave students their fitness tests last month. High performing students will get to attend a Water World trip during the last week in May. In order to qualify for this trip, the boys had to run the mile in under 7 minutes, do 30 push-ups and 50 curl-ups. Girls had to run the mile in under 9 minutes and 30 seconds, do 15 push-ups and 40 curl-ups. The boys who won awards for P.E. performance were: Anatoliy Russ, Chris Santiago, Ivan Front, Lawrence Ayson, and Sergey Pavlenko. The girls who won awards for P.E. performance were: Shannon Rivers Holme, Lily Franco, Leanne Briggs, Vu Tran, Luzmaria Mendoza.

• The English Department has adopted a new reading incentive program called Reading Counts. Teachers have received training and have begun implementation of the new program. New textbooks have been delivered and are aligned with the California State Standards.

By Daniel Wilson
News Editor

Open House

This year's annual Open House will be held on Wednesday, April 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme is "Twenty-five years of River City High School." The school will be inviting alumni to come and talk as well as honor teachers and students. The classrooms will be open at 6:00 p.m. and the gym will be open after 7:00 p.m.

This year's open house will have a multicultural theme, and there will be food from many different cultures as well as cultural performances.

If anyone would like to donate his or her services or bring a cultural dish, please talk to Ms. Broxton.

By Ashley Coulombe
Staff Writer

Drama Department stages murder mystery.

River City's spring play will open April 4, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Yolo High School. This year's spring play is *Design for Murder*, and will be directed by Mr. Duff. The play will run April 4 through April 7 and April 11 through April 14. The curtain will rise promptly at 7 p.m. on April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13, while the Sunday matinees (April 7 and 14) will start at 2 p.m. Tickets will be $5 for seniors and $7 for adults and children.

The play was supposed to be performed earlier in the winter, but was postponed because the stage was still under construction.

By Ashley Coulombe
Staff Writer

No Senior Walk at Prom

This year at prom seniors will no longer have their names announced while they walk around the dance floor with their escort. Leadership juniors, who plan the dance, say seniors will have their own dance and a song dedicated to them. They made the change to have something "more special" for seniors. No song has been chosen yet.

By Amanda Floriano
Staff Writer

Working hard for money

R.C.'s teachers raise money by charging students entrance fees.

Ashley Coulombe & Lucy Mendoza
Staff Writers

(Note: Because of the controversy of this story, all teachers wished to remain anonymous.)

As a result of the delay in the teacher raises, teachers will begin charging students to enter their class, as well as charge them for each handout that they receive. On April 6th construction crews will start putting pay locks on all classrooms. These locks will be installed on the library, the gym, locker rooms, and gates for the blacktop, the pool, and the football field.

"If the school board isn't going to give us our raises, we will get them one way or another!" said a math teacher.

Each teacher has set their own price as to the cost to enter their classroom. Prices have been reported to be as high as $3 to enter computer labs and as low as $0.25 to enter the library. The average price to enter a classroom is about fifty cents. Handouts are a little bit cheaper. Each page will cost $0.25 and a packet will cost up to as much as a $1.50. Equipment such as balls will cost $0.75 a piece. Change will **not** be made.

"I don't think it's fair," stated freshman Marshall Mathers. "The fire alarms are bad enough; now they want to charge me for my classes!"

The average cost for freshmen on the first day of school will be $20 to enter their classes and check out their books, and $10 every other day. For sophomores it will cost less because they don't have to have a computer class. Their cost will range from as low as $8.00 for a regularly day and as high as $16.25 on the first day. Juniors and seniors will only have to pay $3 on a regular day and $9 on a book check out day. These prices do not include handouts, equipment or video viewing charges. Any students who cannot pay the entry fee into their class will be sent straight to ISS and be given a discount of five cents to enter, but they will have to listen to polka music the whole time. Any student who has Saturday school or detention will have to pay another fee of $25 to cover the expense of teacher over time.

Each freshman will have to pay approximately $1,800 a year and each sophomore will pay $1,440. Every junior and senior will have to pay $540 a year. Altogether, the teachers will charge $9.4 million a year just to enter class! That is approximately $125,568 per teacher. This is not including equipment, handouts, books, detention and Saturday school fees, which teachers will collect as required "tips".

"The teachers are out of control," stated Imma Meene, a WUSD school board member. "We told them they would get their raises if we had the money. At this rate River City teachers will make as much as college professors."

The money coming from this year's chages will go toward the installation of the pay locks, which will cost $25,000. Most of this will come from Saturday school and detention funds that should total more than $2,500 a week. "Hopefully this tax on bad behavior will cause students to behave in a more appropriate manner," stated a senior English teacher. RC"s administration refused to address the issue.

Fees will be charged starting April 7th, so make sure you come to school with lots of quarters.

R.C.'s revised API scores go down

By Daniel Wilson
News Editor

The Academic Performance Index or API scores were recently released. In 2001 R.C.'s scores were 593 for our Base, 4 for our Sate-Wide ranking, and a 7 for our Similar School ranking. With the revised scores from the 2002 school year, R.C. scored a 571 Base, a 3 statewide ranking and a 4 Similar School ranking. This means that R.C. went from the 70th percentile of schools with similar student demographics such as family, education, and income level, to the fortieth percentile. R.C. is the only school in Washington Unified to have scores that decreased.

R.C.'s scores dropped from 2001 to 2002 because of the changes in the weighting of the scores. The API components used to include only SAT9 scores, and now include a mix of SAT 9, STAR (standards based tests) and the California High School Exit Exam.

Another area of change is the weighing is the mobility of the school. Mobility is a measure of how many students are at the school when school begins, how many stay throughout the year, how many left, etc. In the past the API was made up of all students that attended the school throughout the year. However, in 2001 and in 2002 the API was made up of both full-year students and students who attended the school for only a short amount of time.

According to information obtained by Washington Unified School District, "Because of the addition of new components, most schools will see a difference between 2001-2002 Growth APIs, which were released in October 2002, and the 2002 Base APIs. Since any differences are solely a result of the addition of new tests and change in the definition of students mobility, it is inappropriate to compare a school's 2002 Base API to its 2001-2002 Growth API or APIs from prior years." Therefore the district feels that because of the changes in the weighting of the API, scores from previous years should not be compared to this year's.

So how is River City's administration going to improve the school's API? The first step is to get the right materials. Now that the API is based more on State Standards, the school is working on getting books and materials that meet the standards. The second step is to make sure that the teachers have knowledge of and know how to teach the standards. The third and most important step, according to Mr. Geivett, is enthusiasm. "Teachers, staff, students, and everyone on this campus must get motivated to make these scores high." If the scores are not high enough in the future, there may be some harsh consequences, including firing of principal, staff etc., state takeover of the school, extra programs may be removed, and/or the school could lose its II/USP money. "We need enthusiasm for these test scores to become higher so that the API scores for RC will be much higher," said Geivett. In 2003, R.C.'s growth goal is a base of 593.

API Components Chart

1999-2000	2001	2002
SAT 9	SAT9	SAT 9
Language 20%	Language 8%	Language 3 %
Reading 20%	Reading 8%	Reading 3 %
Math 20%	Math 20%	Math 3 %
Science 20 %	Science 20%	Science 3 %
Social Science 20%	Social Science 20 %	Social Science N/A
	STAR	STAR
	English Language Arts 24 %	English Language Arts 35%
		Math 18 %
		Social Science 20%
		CAHSEE
		Engish 10%
		Math 5%

Opinions

Question in the Quad

Do you think women should fight in wars?



"I think they should if they want to,but they shouldn't be forced to do it."

~ Yelena Lopuga, Freshman



"I think that if women that want to, they should be able to join the military, because they weren't created to only work at home."

~ Slavic Berezenko, Sophomore



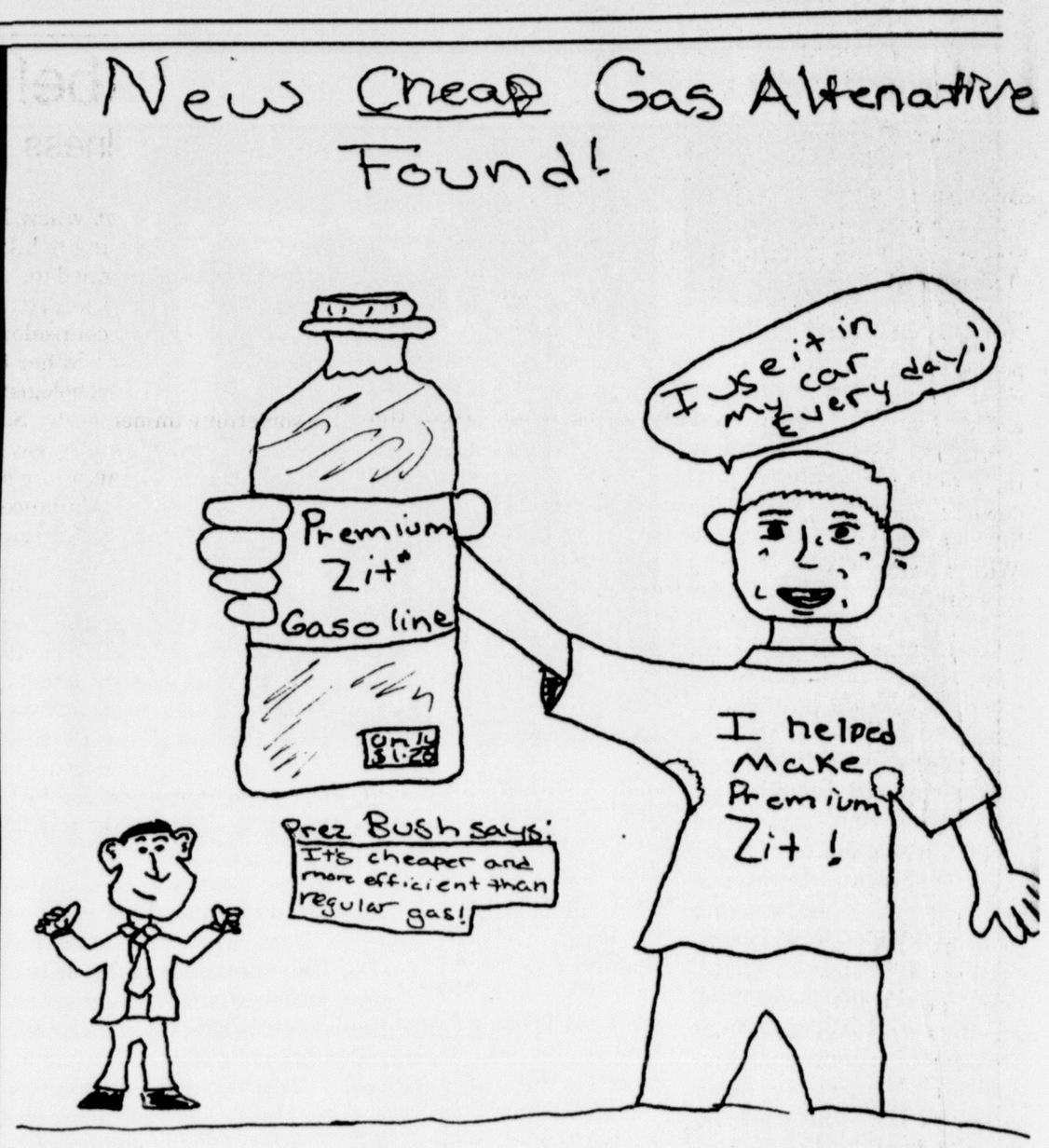
"I think that it should be of their free will whether they want to join or not."

~ Oksana Lanin, Junior



"I think that unless people are needed, women shouldn't go to fight in the war, because there will be no one to stay with the kids."

~Tatyana Leshchinskaya, Senior



Is war the answer?

Four *Review* Staffers share their opinions

Svetlana Avramenko (freshman): Going to war is a complicated issue, and I have mixed feelings about it. On one hand, going to war may not be the best solution, but on the other hand, I feel that it was our only option. The reason I don't think that war with Iraq is the best solution is because of the cost we will pay after the war is over. Our economy is already in a downfall, and we only have so much money. If Sadaam uses his weapons to bomb us, the government will not have enough money to rebuild the country. Prices will rise everywhere, and our country may find itself in poverty sooner or later because of our need of weapons, military people, and supplies for war.

On the other hand, I feel that war was our only option because if we didn't attack right away like we did, it would have given the Iraqis more time to plot on how they could destroy our country and build weapons of mass destruction. Iraq may not be as powerful as the U.S., but it sure can cause us a lot of problems. War was our only option is because if Iraq is harboring terrorists who keep making terrorist attacks on us, they will be "destroying our country" in slow motion. The worst part will be that if we don't defend ourselves and our country we are just taking things as they come. With this war on Iraq, we may be able to put an end to terrorist attacks once and for all. It may cost us, but it will be worth it in the end. The soldiers will either die free, or die trying to achieve freedom.

Madhvi Lata (junior): My feelings for this war are assorted. Sometimes I feel that we shouldn't have this war, because it's not only about this country, but also about thousands of innocent people who are fightin in this war. But if we lose men for this war, we are also getting rid of Sadaam Hussein. With him we have had a lot of problems. We could have solved this situation by other different ways, but Hussein didn't give the U.S. any choice, so we really had to go to this war. Hopfully it will end really soon.

Meuy Saetern (freshman): I don't know what is going on in this country, but something bad is going to happen. President Bush thinks that going to war is going to solve many problems, but it is not the answer. He is just putting lives in danger.

When I saw and heard the bombs going off on the t.v., I was so scared it made me cry thinking of all the innocent people who lived there. At first, I wasn't worried about going to war, because I didn't see the bombs and didn't care. When I saw the bombings and thought about the innocent people there, it made me realize that this is a very big thing. I think that President Bush is just trying to follow in his father's footsteps, but he can't and he is making the wrong choice about starting this war. He could have tried to find another way to solve the problems there, but going to war is not the way to do it. Now we don't know if or when Iraq is going to hit us. Our lives are in danger now and we can't stop this. I feel really scared of what is happening right now.

Amanda Floriano (senior): When I heard the news of the attacks on Iraq by our troops, my stomach did flip flops, and I felt a huge wave of mixed emotions come upon me. I might be naive, but deep in my heart, I was hoping that things would not come to this point. I don't think that the United States should have gone to war with Iraq. I don't support the war because I don't think there is a clear enough reason or reasons to have a war. I do feel that the perpetrators of 9/11 incident need to be punished, but I don't feel that what is going on now with Iraq is going to solve that problem. If there were concrete evidence that the people responsible for the 9/11 attacks were in Iraq, then I would support the war effort. There is no concrete evidence that Iraq is hiding the 9/11 perpetrators. Also, while I believe that Sadaam Hussein is a ruthless leader, I wouldn't give him the credit of being able to compete with the U.S. in terms of power. It frustrates me that we are in war when there are other countries that have ruthless leaders also. We don't go after those countries, so why Iraq?

Although I do not support war as a solution to anything, I feel the need to support my country in the present situation. Since we are at war, we need to accomplish our goals, whatever they are. The sooner we can defeat Hussein, the better. Our troops need to come home as soon as possible. The important thing is to focus on is the Hussein will have to give up his power, which will lead to brighter days for the people of Iraq.

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Am I ready?

It's two in the morning in Iraq.
We are awaiting the word to go and strike.
We look at one another, frightened looks on our faces.
The air troops already bombed some major cities,
and soon it will be our turn to attack on the ground.
We all miss home.
I look to my left, and I see Lieutenant Campbell staring at a picture of his family.
I look to my right, and I notice that young Sergeant Miller is weeping, staring at a sonogram picture.
It is hitting him hard that he will not be able to be there, or may never be able to see his unborn baby daughter.
As for me, I feel guilty leaving my sick mother behind.
Lord willing, if something were to happen to her, I'd never get over it.
My reminiscing is interrupted as we hear the signal that it is time to attack.
We all look at one another, forgetting our happy thoughts.
As we begin to move forward, I ask myself,
"Am I ready to go to war?"

Christina Soto

Do you think the U.S. should attack Iraq?

(Poll was conducted among 73 boys and 65 girls during the week of March 10).

Yes	**30%**
Yes, under certain circumstances	**29%**
No	**18%**
I don't know	**10%**
No opinion	**7%**
Other	**6%**

Features & Lifestyles

Life isn't what it's all cracked up to be!

An R.C. student discusses her struggle with mental illness

By Anonymous
Staff Writer

Life isn't what it's all cracked up to be! At least for me it isn't.

When you hear the word life, people think wow, "life" is the most beautiful thing in the world. But for me it's the absolute opposite. When I hear the word "life", I want to break down in tears. You see, for me, life hasn't been so easy.

Within the last few years, doctors came to realize that I'm seriously depressed. I'm schizophrenic. I have very bad anxiety, and I have an eating disorder. With all this, my tolerance has hit its peek with a total of seven attempts of suicide. Unfortunately, when I think of all that, I think, damn, why couldn't that have been lucky number seven? Guess I haven't found my lucky number yet.

Depression hasn't been the only reason for all the suicide attempts. You see I have a big problem to deal with every day: "me." Yes, I literally hate myself. I hate the fact that I'm overweight and my family and doctors have to rub it in. Friends get irritated that I keep bringing it up, and they keep saying "You're not fat!" and when my friends say that, in one ear and out the other it goes. I can't even look in the mirror anymore without crying myself a river because all I see is a fifteen-year-old that suffers from obesity and needs to die cause she is so fat! Yeah, that's really what I see.

Last summer I thought it would be a good idea to start throwing up my food. Losing twenty-seven pounds in two in a half weeks, I thought it was the best thing that ever happened to me until I learned the long-term affects of bulimia. At that point I woke up and realized what I was doing to myself, but unfortunately, it was too late. I stopped sticking my finger down my throat, but that didn't stop it. I couldn't hold my food down for about a week. Then when I was able to, it still didn't make everything better. While I was bulimic I started eating more since I planned on throwing it up. Well, that didn't stop. I kept eating and eating until I couldn't stop. I'd eat until I got sick.

At this point, I was dead inside. I started having trouble in school not because it was difficult, but because I was so depressed and being schizophrenic did not help at all. I constantly heard a voice inside of my head telling me "Hey, you're gonna die real soon so why even do your work?" and I believed it so I didn't do my work and I'm still suffering from that. Now a days I'm getting better in school. I'm doing my work. I get real anxious, however, when I know I have to take a test. I start getting panic attacks. I can't breathe. Then I forget everything I studied. If only teachers knew how irritating it gets to hear the same thing over and over again: " All you work is turned in, but sweetie make sure you study for the test. "In my head, I'm like, "I know." The doctors know I have a short-term memory, but they're just not sure how to fix it.

So, yeah, now do you believe me when I say life is just too hard? Oh how could I almost forget, you see I just got discharged from the hospital. Not the kind of hospital you go to if you got a boo-boo on your leg. I'm talking about a psychiatric hospital. I was at Sutter Center for psychiatry; I was in there for a total of about three weeks. I was in my second period class and I got a pass to go talk to a counselor here at RC. I told the school counselor that the voices in my head were getting worse and that when I went home I was going to kill myself because I planned to.

Obviously that didn't work out because the school counselor called my mom and told her I needed to go see a psychologist or something immediately. So my mom took me to see my psychologist, and she put me on a 51/50 and then an ambulance took me to the psychiatric ward.

I was there for three weeks. To be honest it wasn't that bad in there. I was expecting padded walls and straight jackets. I was a little nervous at first, but once I went to my first group in there and realized I'm not alone, it was real comforting. I kind of felt like a child again getting told what time to go to bed and what time to eat and what I could eat.

You see we had a schedule. We woke up at 7:30 a.m. and got our blood pressure and temperature taken, from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. was breakfast, then we had a group every hour until 11:00 a.m. and then it was school time. Lunch was 12:15 to 1:00 p.m., and then a different group met every hour until visiting time, which ran between 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. After that we had one more group, then from 9:00 to 9:25 p.m. was free time. At 9:30 p.m., it was room time or bedtime. I personally thought there were too many groups to go to. I felt that being there helped, but it didn't cure me.

My last meeting with my doctor before I left was really successful I thought. You see, I read a poem that showed my doctor how I'm learning from my mistakes and that I'm going to do my best to make life better for me. When I finished reading it, I saw that my doctor, my mom and my social worker were in tears because they were proud. I'm now going to let you read the poem, so you can be proud of me as well.

Learning From My Past

As the days pass slowly
and the weeks creep by,
I find myself obsessing
about ways that I could die.
Suddenly thoughts of death
are controlling my every move,
and every battle with my mind
I always seem to lose.

I no longer want to be around
the people that I love,
all that I can think about
is what's waiting up above.
I cut my arms with razor blades
to dull the pain inside,
this can only last so long
I don't want to be alive.

Im anage to keepm y com posure
when people are around,
they w ouldn 't understand m e
so I don 'm ake a sound.
I sm ile w hen I have to
I break dow n w hen I don 't,
I know I should be strong
but I also know I won't.
I ask my mom to understand
that life is just too hard.
I plan it out so perfectly
I even set the date,
I'm pretty sure I'm ready
I know this is my fate.

My eyes are getting heavy
my body feels so weak,
everything inside is numb
that's the way it has to be.
I'm glad that mom's not here now
to watch me slowly die,
but still I wish that I could say
"I love you and good-bye."

I give in to the darkness
I slowly slip away,
I hope to go to heaven
where dark night turns to day.

I wake up in confusion
I don't know where I am,
I can hardly make out any words
until I hear my mother.

Each tear she cries feels like a knife
stabbing at my soul,
I let the pain and suffering
blind me from my goal.

I sit up in my hospital bed
tears running down my cheeks.
I tell her that I'm sorry
for causing her so much strife,
I tell her that I will succeed
in living a better life.

I know that it's not over yet
it's a long road up ahead,
but I appreciate the little things
because I could be dead.

I've learned to live each passing
day as if it were my last,
I look forward to the future
and I'm learning from my past!

Prom cancelled!

R.C. students must earn 4.0 GPA and pass CAHSEE to attend senior prom

By Madhvi Lata
Staff Writer

Last summer, a little-known law was passed by the state legislature. It states that high school seniors are not allowed to participate in prom activities unless they maintain a 4.0 G.P.A. or better and pass the state exit exam. This policy was passed by the Washington Unified School District in February after officials reviewed senior's G.P.A.'s. "It turned out that only a few seniors have 4.0 or better GPA, so it must be cancelled," said Ms. Nohpartee, a board member.

Senior Desiree Vigel stated, "Seniors are going to cry if they don't have prom." Some senior students are worried because they have been taking four years of tango dance classes in order to prepare for prom.

"They shouldn't have this law because it's not fair and it's almost the only fun thing we get to do anymore around here," said senior Dora Gonsalez.

Students are saying they plan to protest to get prom reinstated. They plan to stand in front of the R.C. gate holding protest signs and ask students to sign protest papers.

"We were happy to pass our proficiencies, learn all the state standards, and pass the exit exam to graduate from high school, but this is just ridiculous," said senior Priya Kumar.

Joe Meenie, a representative for the district, said that while he understood the students' pain, the policy was yet one more important effort to try and "raise the bar" for West Sacramento students. "If they don't like it, than next year's seniors should stop fooling around and start working hard so they can get the prom back".

Yolo makes it easy

Military test and high numbers of credits help Yolo students to graduate from R.C.

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Features Editor

Two hundred and twenty credits. This is the number of credits River City students must earn in order to obtain a diploma. For most it means taking and passing five, six, or seven classes in four years. This seems reasonable: work hard for four years, earn credits, and graduate from R.C.. Students can earn up to 35 credits a semester, 70 in a year.

But imagine being able to acquire over 90 credits in just three months. Sound impossible? This is no joke. For students who choose to attend Yolo High School, this is the reality.

Yolo High School is a continuation school open to students sixteen years of age and older. Classes offered are similar to R.C., including Math, English, Physical Science, Biology, Government, History, Economics, and F.L.E. Yet that may just be where the similarities end. Students who transfer to Yolo may lack credits, have discipline problems, or just feel that the schedule (full-day classes or three-hour, afternoon-sessions) suits them better.

Students at Yolo follow a trimester grading system and a recent look at three R.C. students who attended Yolo, showed the following: senior #1 earned 97 credits in five months, senior #2 earned 72.5 credits in five months, and senior #3 earned 83.5 credits in six months. An R.C. student would not earn more than 70 credits for a 9-month school year. So how doYolo students earn so many credits? They get them from taking large number of classes and from taking a military test called the A.S.V.A.B.

Former Yolo student, senior Daniel Acuena, explains that, "Yolo is an easy way out. It has its difficulties, but it is still way too easy compared to R.C." Daniel attended River City for his first three years of high school, yet when he reached the beginning of his senior year he decided to transfer. "I had just fallen so far behind in credits," he explained. Daniel took traditional high school courses such as English, Algebra, Economics, and History. His second trimester there he chose to take the afternoon class from 12:20 to 3:00. In this program students complete packets of work. They are then tested on the material. If they pass the test, they can earn up to 20 credits.

Yet this 20 credits is small, compared to the up to 42 credits for students who take the A.V.S.A.B. (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test can gain. "What?! 40 credits for taking a test?" pondered senior Priya Kumar.

The score a student receives on this test does impact the credits he may get. Daniel took this test, but was unaware of the possible credits he could obtain. "I received a 56 out of 99 and got forty credits." He thought these credits would count towards his math and English R.C. requirements when he returned. "I really didn't have a clue that the test would give me credits, but what surprised me more was when I transferred back to R.C. and those credits disappeared."

As Ms. Hocker, R.C.'s data processor explained, when students transfer to R.C. these credits are changed from English credits to elective credits. Students get the credits, but not in the core subject areas. Still, those credits can make the difference in graduation.

Another student also took the A.S.V.A.B. at Yolo and planned to return and graduate from R.C.. But once he discovered that the large number of credits he had gained from the ASVAB would not be transferred as core English credits, he chose to graduate from Yolo.

When the Review called Yolo high school principal Dean Gaumer during the week of March 10 to ask him about Yolo credits and the A.S.V.A.B. test, he responded, "I do not do interviews over the phone, but rather see people face to face, to know who I'm talking to. He continued to say, "I am in my office as late as 9 or 10 sometimes, but I do not have an opening for an interview until April 19th."

Mr. Geivett, R.C.'s principal did respond, saying "I am dead set against it (receiving credit for taking the ASVAB test) but it's not up to me. I would also make Yolo courses more rigorous." But he admits that R.C. curriculum has never been officially compared to Yolo's.

Head counselor Mrs. Tyler said, "I've heard from students that they didn't do much (at Yolo)...I really don't think that the ASVAB is an adequate assessment (for receiving credits)

However, Alex Franco, Yolo's assistant principal, commented on the matter at a recent meeting with the district staff, saying that, "A.S.V.A.B. credits were granted because alternative education can do that."

Head counselor Ms. Tyler said, "I've heard from students that they didn't do much (at Yolo)...I really don't think that the A.S.V.A.B. is and adequate assessment (for receiving credits). It is not valid, and I don't know of any other high school which offers this."

Patrick Ainsworth from the California State Department of Education was contacted to help clarify the situation throughout California. Ainsworth replied through e-mail, saying, "We know that many schools offer the A.S.V.A.B., but we know of none that offer credit for the taking the A.S.V.A.B. The A.S.V.A.B. is an instrument to determine a person's readiness and aptitude for a variety of jobs/ careers in the military. From that perspective, it would be hard to understand how or why anyone would want to grant credit for taking such an exam."

Patrick Campbell, WUSD assistant superintendent, responded to Yolo's unique status by saying, "If students are receiving credits for taking tests, it's content should at least match up to that of the course (that they are receiving credits for)." He felt the best way to decide if the A.S.V.A.B. conflict would be to let an attorney evaluate the situation and then leave it up to the Board of Education. Campbell said he is planning to approach the board to clarify the current policies which have permitted Yolo to offer credits in exchange for taking the A.S.V.A.B.

The *Review* also discovered that if Yolo students want to graduate with a River City diploma, they need to simply finish the second semester of their senior year at R.C. "That's not fair, we work hard for four years, and they only have to for one semester?" exclaimed sophomore Nakhter Ahad.

Many students agree with him, such as junior Gisela Chavez, who said, "Yolo is much easier, it's not fair that people who don't take classes with the same standards (as R.C.) can get the same diploma."

Currently there is no policy forbidding students from attending River City for only their last semester and graduate to receive a R.C. diploma, regardless of how many credits they actually received at our school.

Campbell again acknowledged that, "The current policies are vague. They allow students to earn credits through alternative means." Yolo and the classes it offers, along with any tests, are all considered to be alternative means.

"No, I don't think it's fair. If a student chooses to go to an alternate or continuation high school, they should receive their diploma from there and there is nothing wrong with that," said Mr. Geivett.

Ms. Hocker agreed. "We operate with more stringent rules regarding graduation requirements than Yolo does. It's not fair that a student who has attended school here for four years should be able to graduate with the same diploma as another student who earned all these extra credits from Yolo. In the past it has been a philosophical issue about what is alternative education, but with the ASVAB it is more concrete."

So what can R.C. students do except shake their heads and feel that this situation is unfair? At the very least, students who graduate from R.C. after attending the school for four years can have the satisfaction of knowing that they have truly earned their diploma and their credits.

Sample Yolo Students*

Student	Credits	Months
Senior 1	97	5
Senior 2	72.5	5
Senior 3	83.5	6

* Education Code laws prohibit the public use of student names with academic records

Healthier choices

By Hasiba Abdali
Staff Writer

During the February 20 school board meeting, Mr. Geivett announced that he is planning to eliminate soda and other unhealthy food items from the campus.

Instead, R.C. will offer a variety of nutritional food items, including: Knudsen coconut juice, Cliff Endurance Bars, organic rice chips, goat yogurt and fresh wheat grass. He said the effort is to help fight the epidemic of teenage obesity, and while no red meat products will be sold, fresh fish such as cod will be available.

Currently the River City cafeteria does not offer healthy food except for salads, and most of the time the lines are too long for many students to wait.

Sports & Activities

Win, Lose, or Draw?

The debate over single-sport versus multi-sport athletes

By Manorma Umaria and Ivy Branaman
Sports Editor & Senior Writer

"Practice. Practice. Practice," is the motto for many R.C. athletes. Some of these dedicated athletes continue participating in other sports of choice after their sport's season ends. Other athletes participate in the same sport year round or in summer leagues. Which is better?

Some feel that there are so few athletes at R.C. because of the school's small size that the school needs its athletes to play all the sports they can. This situation creates well-rounded athletes who have a variety of experiences from which to draw, but not necessarily teams that win league championships. Other people feel that athletes should dedicate themselves to one sport so that they will excel at it, and thereby help the school have winning and more competitive teams.

Coach Brooks, R.C.'s tennis coach, reported that a dozen members of his championship team participated in a summer league. Athletes who participate in a summer league, according to Coach Brooks, "play a higher quality of tennis"and the team's record bears him out: Last year they were 25-1, and they have won seven league titles in a row and one section championship.

Former R.C. swim coach, Ms. Leifson, agreed that participating in year-round sports or a summer league are beneficial to athletes. "Year-round swimming helps them stay in shape and improve their technique. We're mostly working on improving endurance [during R.C.'s season], but [in year round] they have more time to work on technique. It also gives them more meet experience," she explained.

Two members of last year's swim team participated in year- round swimming and both qualified for sections. Ms. Leifson, however, pointed out that three other girls made sections who didn't participate in year-round swimming. "It's not all about year round.... it's also about determination and being willing to push a little harder in races," Ms. Leifson explained. Coach Brooks pointed out that there is the additional drawback of athletes who participate in year round sports getting more tired of the sport. "They just get sick of it. They burn out," he commented.

Coach Leifson agreed, pointing out that swim team member Stacey Paige participated in year round swimming until this November when she "just got sick of it." Stacey is currently on R.C.'s varsity soccer team as well as RC's varsity swim team. Stacey's mother, agreed that athletes get burned out on one sport. "That's probably the reason she didn't go the whole season [in year round]," Ms. Paige explained. However, she agreed that year-round sports keeps athletes in shape and focused on their goal(s).

Both coaches also noted that sometimes "parents push too hard" for their students to excel in sports and are often a factor in whether or not their children participate in year- round sports. Coach Brooks suggested that students participate in as many sports as possible because they are more likely to get scholarships that way. He also pointed out that athletic scholarships are rare.

Athletic Director and varsity baseball coach Mr. Seffens believes that because the school is so small, sports teams need all the athletes they can get. He believes it is more common for athletes to participate more than one sport at River City. "They grow up playing many different sports and since we have a smaller school, we have the opportunity to have them play more sports," Mr. Seffens explained.

Seniors Eric Snyder and Tyler Geivett play for River City's varsity soccer team, varsity baseball team, as well as American Legion baseball. American Legion baseball's season is two to three months during the summer. "It keeps us playing and keeps our skills," Tyler remarked on playing in American Legion.

"The more you do something, the better you get at it. It's (American Legion) also more competitive," Eric commented, "It helped me in every way because I played every day and kept my skills up." The baseball team practices four to five days a week and plays approximately forty games.

Whether River City athletes participate in year-round sports and/or plays a sport(s) for River City, they benefit. "Playing sports [teaches athletes] how to get along, responsibility, to deal with failure, work as a team, and have goals," Mr. Seffens remarked.

Super Softball Sprinters

RC softball coach insists players take a few laps

By Tara Shoe-store
Staff Writer

Watch out! If you blink, you might miss them, because they're so fast! Yes, I am speaking of the softball team, and yes, they are fast. Even though these two terms together may seem odd, it's the truth because the girls varsity softball coach has raised the bar for River City's softball program by making it a requirement that the softball players "not only throw a ball around" but also "hit the track."

Last year, our varsity softball team made G.E.L. playoffs for the first time in many years. The coach, Ms. Hatz, wanted to keep up the intensity and drive for the playoffs and felt that to help their "fire," the girls could increase their skills with a little track. Running laps may seem like a crazy idea, but not so. "Track can help one's speed," explained Mr. Johnson, the track coach, "it can also help one's strength and endurance through the running, throwing the shotput and other events in track."

When the varsity softball team heard that they were to run track along with softball, some were surprised, having different reactions to the idea. One varsity player, senior Versha Patel, thought it was weird, but agreed to participate in the exercises. "I thought my coach was crazy, but I'll do it if I need to," she said.

Other players dreaded the idea of running track, because they really didn't care for running, but one student took to the idea very well. This player, junior Haley Kawmet said, "I love to run and I love to play softball. It's great that Ms. Hatz is mixing the two. I never thought that I would see the day and I can't wait to start."

Even though there were mixed reaction from the team, Ms. Hatz feels that this new component will install more confidence and pride in the varsity softball program. "I think it'll help us keep up our intensity and keep us in shape while doing it," she said.

New Sport on Campus

By Sarah Liden & Tiffany Pina
Staff Writers

At a time when non-traditional sports like snowboarding are finally becoming accepted at the Olympics, thumb-wrestling is now getting its moment in the limelight. This low-cost, equal opportunity sport is making its debut on campus' throughout the west coast, including River City.

Like other sports, thumbs interested in joining the team next fall must have a good attitude, be on time to all practices, wear their uniforms to all competitions and of course have at least a 2.0 GPA or higher. Newcomers are welcome.

For most sports, you need to have great upper and lower body strength. Prospective thumbs should start doing their own workouts. Exercises include push-ups, sit-ups, aerobics for conditioning, and yoga classes for relaxation. For every weight class thumbs do have different workouts.

According to the newly-formed WTWF (World Thumb Wrestling Federation) the only difference between thumb wrestling and other sports is that coaches aren't as hard on their players. Thumbs seem to have a natural strength, attitude and sense of independence. "They're always willing to provide a helping hand so they need less help," said Coach Robinson.

If you practice and get in shape and make the team, you get the honor of wearing the new R.C. thumb- wrestling uniform. The uniforms are lime green and pink and they fit like latex gloves, with some thumbs sporting backless, nail-exposed, lycra thumb suits, which provide for the greatest range of motion. Junior Billy Thumnayl remarked, "I'm not sure I'm willing to wear these new uniforms. They look a bit girlie to me."

But senior and veteran thumb wrestler Bobby Green disagrees, saying "Thumbs look great in their new uniforms, but only if they wear them right." If thumbs won't cooperate and wear the uniforms they will be suspended for two matches.

So if you're looking for a fun and exciting athletic opportunity, see Coach Robinson for more details.

R.C. coach gets shoe endorsement

By Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor

Mr. Johnson has sold his sole. Track coach and English teacher Mr. Johnson has decided to endorse a special line of track shoes for the British Knights Company. "The school board is saying they might cut all sports programs next, so I thought we'd better find ways to start fundraising now," said Mr. Johnson.

Currently, R.C. track team members don't have any uniforms or equipment. The British Knight Shoe Company has agreed to pay Mr. Johnson $10,000 for one television ad that will promote their newest line of running shoe. "We wanted a rank and file track coach for an ad," said Gash Flordon, the press contact for B.K. shoes. "With that kind of money we could build ourselves a whole new stadium and better facilities for track," he said.

"I think it's cool that Mr. Johnson is doing everything possible to help support the track team." said junior Priya Prasad. Filming of Mr. Johnson's ad is scheduled to appear this month sometime at the R.C. track.

For more information about the Mr. Johnson endorsements, please contact his agent Monica Berry.

Right in tune

Krista Penney makes her way to state honor band

By Heather Yip
Staff Writer

Last month, Junior Krista Penney was the first student at River City to be accepted to the state's honor band. The prestigious state band is composed of musicians in high schools all over California. The band rehearsed and perform in Pasadena from March 12th-March 15th.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," she said before leaving for Southern California. " I've worked hard and now it's paying off."

While Krista was in Pasadena, the band got to practice a newly-written piece with its composer. "I had tons of fun in Pasadena and would do it again anytime." Krista stated.

Krista has been playing the clarinet since she was nine, which is when she received her first clarinet. The clarinet had belonged to a late relative, before it was given to Krista. Krista first began her lessons in the 4th grade at Westmore Oaks and continued her lessons at Golden State Middle School. She is now in River City's Music Composition class, which is taught by Ms. Alleger. Krista plays classical and jazz music.

"Music has always been fun and challenging for me. It's like my chance to release myself," said Krista. Ms. Alleger also helped Krista continue her music by encouraging her to take lessons outside of school and expand her skills. Krista even took her advice and signed up for the Clarinet Choir at California State University of Sacramento. The Clarinet Choir includes people from different high schools, colleges, and the community. Krista also knows how to play the alto sax ophone and is learning how to play the piano and guitar.

At this point, the clarinetist doesn't know what college she wants to attend, but hopes she gets a music scholarship to help her continue to reach her musical dreams.

Upcoming Games

Baseball: *Varsity* 2-1
J.V.-?
4/4 Rio Linda @ R.C., 3:30
4/11 Dixon @ R.C., 4:00

Softball: *Varsity* 4-4
J.V. 0-1
4/3 Vanden @ R.C., 3:30
4/8 Dixon @ R.C., 4:00

Tennis: 8-0
4/3 Vanden @ R.C., 3:30
4/8 Dixon @ R.C., 4:00

Track: 0-1
4/9 Rio Linda @ R.C., 4:00

Swimming: 2-1
4/3 R.C.@Mira Loma
No time available

Girl's Soccer: *Varsity* 1-3
J.V. 0-4
4/4 Foothill @ R.C., 3:30

Swimming

So far the swim team has competed in three swim meets. Out of those meets they have won two of them. The team may be performing well because they're practicing five days a week after school for two hours a day. The new swimming coach, Mr. Henager, says there are a lot of experienced swimmers on the team this year, and hopefully they can bring home a championship.

- Sarah Liden & Tiffany Pina
Staff Writers

Softball

This year's **varsity softball** team is off to a tremendous start. They won the first two games of the Argonant tournament. The next day the team played hard but unfortunately didn't have as much good luck, placing fifth overall.

"Our expectations are high. We have a lot of returning players. I think we have one of the strongest infields in the league," said Ms. Hatz. The varsity team consists of eight seniors out of the fifteen players on the team. The record for the team is 3-4.

The **junior varsity softball** team is also off to a strong start. They have record of 5-2-1. In the Argonaut tournament, the team won one game, lost twice, and tied once. The team's coach, Lorrie Marcum, and the assistant coach, Mike Macpherson, both feel the team has a great work ethic and much talent.

- Sarah Liden & Tiffany Pina
Staff Writers

Track and Field

It's been two years since River City has seen a track and field coach to help out with the program, but now R.C. has Coach Johnson. Johnson is excited about all twelve athletes on the team, but also wishes there were more athletes to compete. Right now the team is focusing on trying to individually improve each runner's skills.

- Tammy Ma
Staff Writer

Baseball

This year's **varsity baseball** team has high hopes, especially since they've come off a section game. The coach, Mr. Seffens, is very optimistic about his team. "There are seven kids who have been playing on varsity for three years. Many of the team members are experienced," commented Seffens. He feels that the team's experience will help them during the play-offs. Since the school moved to a tougher league this year, Mr. Seffens has implemented a new drills to help the team improve their speed and pitching.

- Tara Shuster
Staff Writer

Golf

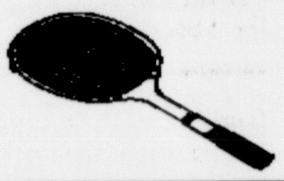
The golf team is shooting for a championship season. The team has had eight golf matches this year. Out of those they have won six so far. The team's coach, Mr. Hanagan, explains that the team is doing great and that they have been working really hard. "We have won some championships and we expect to win," said Hanagan.

The assistant coach is Mr. Wernsman. The golf team has all their home matches at the Lighthouse golf course. - Sarah Liden and Tiffany Pina

Tennis

As usual, the tennis team is off to a great start in 2003. The team includes 48 players, but only the top seven from the boys and girls ladder play. Despite the high number on the team, only four are returning varsity players: Nikki Hansen, Nai Saelee, Irina Istomin and Bhaves Patel. Their biggest challenge is defeating Vanden. Vanden is especially strong this year because the team has all but three varsity players returning. R.C.'s tennis team however has 45 new players vying for the chance to compete. When asked how he thought the tennis team would do this year Coach Brooks said, "Our goal is always to win the league championship." River City's tennis team has won seven years consecutively and has a shot to win again this year. Their record in league is 5-0, and overall 8-0. Their next match will be on April 3rd against Vanden at River City.

- Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor



Clubs and Activities

By Xai Vang
Staff Writer

On March 21, the **M.E.Ch.A** students held a car wash at Whitey's in West Sacramento. The car wash was a fundraiser to help the community and pay for any fieldtrips. On Saturday, March 22, M.E.Ch.A took a field trip to Sierra College in Rocklin for the Cesar Chavez Youth Leadership Conference. M.E.Ch.A will also be celebrating their Mexican independence, which is Cinco de Mayo, on May 5. If you want to have fun and help the community, contact Mr. McPherson.

The R.C.H.S. **band** performed at the Golden Empire Music Festival on March 8, 2003. Krista Penney also performed with the California State Festival Honor Band in Pasadena.

BEST Club students went on a trip to the Deep Water Channel on Friday, March the 7th. The students took pictures and observed the hawks and birds. BEST also gathered data on Swains Hawks.

Later this month, **S.W.I.T.C.H** is hosting two Beautification Days on River City's campus. The first day is on Saturday, April 12, 2003 and the second day is on Saturday, April 26, 2003. Both of these beautification days are from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to go and help create a better looking school. Students will be bringing their own wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, edgers and other gardening tools. Students can earn community service hours if they participate in River City's Beautification Days. For more information contact Victoriq Montez.

The **French Club** is also working hard to raising funds for their upcoming trip to France. On March 15, 2003, the French Club hosted a Benefit Concert at River City's Gym from 12-5p.m. There were a total of seven bands that showed up including Elemental, Without Warning, Ramblers, Five Minute Ride, Red Top Road, Alta, and Didley Squat. The French Club is hoping that their long wait trip to France will not be a problem due to the war with Iraq. "If the trip happens to be canceled, all the money will be given as scholarships to seniors to go to college," said Ms. Connolly, advisor of the club.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

War belongs to the generals

Being an Army retiree, the thought never escapes me that wars are not won by crumpets and tea nor by charm and personality. That's why they are best left to the generals. Monday morning quarterbacks notwithstanding.

SAVINO SANCHEZ
West Sacramento

We need a downtown park

A major complaint of residents in the center of West Sacramento is that there is no public park anywhere on West Capitol Avenue. Since the city council has decided to build a new library and a possible senior center there, why not include a public park for children, a basketball court, some barbecue pits, a band stand for music and shows, a circular pathway for walking, benches to enjoy the scenery, and beautiful trees that will provide shade in the afternoons?

This is a project way overdue for the people and children of West Sacramento living near our new city hall.

CHARLES SANO
West Sacramento

High school site suggestion

Since our school district is still desperately searching for a site for their proposed new high school, why not put it on the Harbor Boulevard/Reed Avenue land where they were going to build the Indian casino that is now history? That location has great vehicle access and would be easy for high school students from all areas of our city to reach. Plus the school district wouldn't have to keep threatening the use eminent domain to take away the Iwasaki and Frugoli property or waste any more of their time trying to get the Port of Sacramento to part with any of their precious land.

SHARI BAELFWR
West Sacramento

Not a fan of Bush #43

Well, I guess Bush #43 is out to "bag" what his dad (Bush #41) in Baghdad did not, Saddam Hussein. (We did not get Mr. Bin Laden for the Twin Towers' destruction in New York by destroying Afghanistan, so we destroy our next worst enemy...for the record. And, of course, Bush #43 and VP Cheney have no financial interests in more oil.)

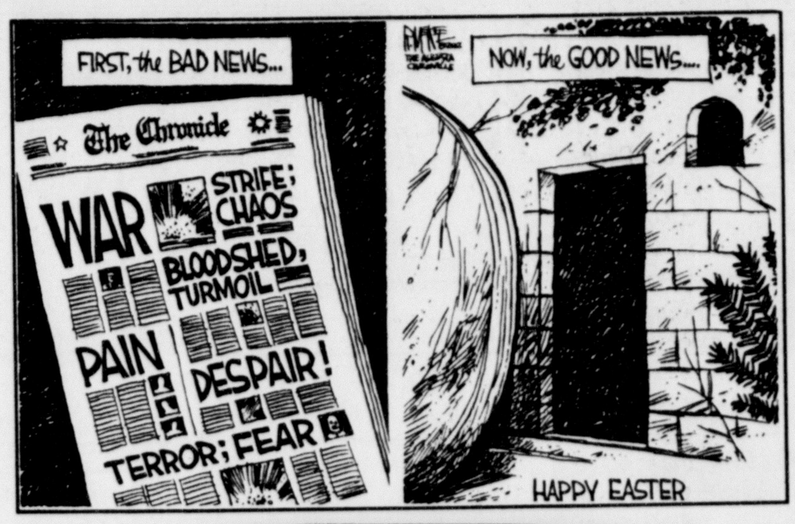
Interesting, too, that Bush #43 seems uninterested in bringing Ken Lay (former CEO of Enron) to any kind of justice. Why would he? After all, Lay put Bush #43 into the Texas governor's office when Bush #43 agreed to deregulation of Texas utilities...must be some connection between former Governor Pete Wilson and his refusal to sign a state budget unless deregulation was included for California...and the later Enron/Lay financing of Bush #43's 2000 presidential campaign. And after our state voted against him in both the primary and general elections, Wilson's deregulation insistence gave Enron/Lay a blank okay to get even with Californians by dramatically increasing their utilities. My natural gas rates are twice last year's.

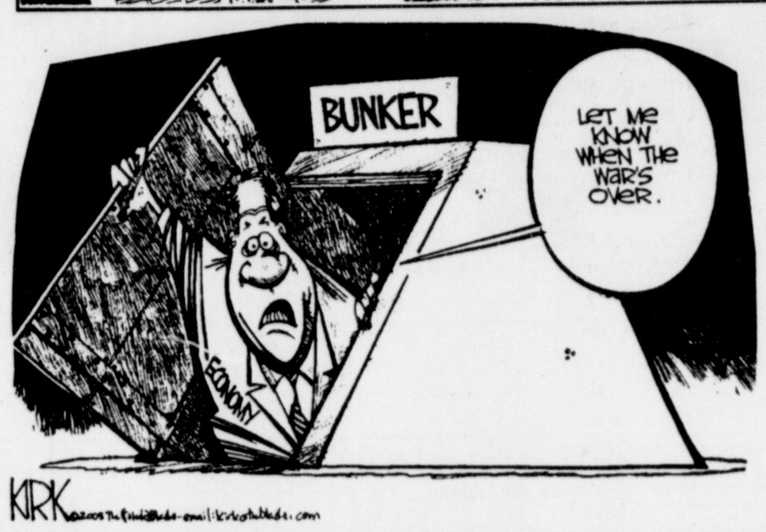
Since Bush #43 least wanted our Governor Gray Davis as a 2004 opponent, letting Enron/Lay hold a financial gun to Davis' head and forcing him to okay long-term, higher cost energy contracts after they withheld supplies to create an artificial energy shortage, was okay with him, but it really hurt Californians financially and was the major factor in this state's deficit.

Now Bush #43 wants a blank check to finance this Iraq war, which our news media is addicted to, and which may go on past the 2004 election. Since it is unlikely we will change presidents in mid-war, Bush #43 will be the lame duck president and he can pardon Ken Lay. Any financial penalty for Lay?

And Bush #43 is strongly calling for eliminating dividend taxes. Let's just eliminate corporations and corporate fraud with it.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento





Thanks

CommuniCare Health Centers would like to thank the staff of Yolo Federal Credit Union for their generous donation of baby clothes and items to the Stork's Nest Program. It's organizations like this who contribute much more than just a business service to the communities they serve. They get involved in the communities in which they do business.

The Stork's Nest Program at Davis Community Clinic is an incentive program to encouage expectant mothers to attend prenatal medical appointments and health education classes and to maintain a healthy diet and life style. A total of 130 expectant mothers participated in the program last year, which increased the need for more supplies and clothes.

Jennifer Davis, Business Development Officer for Yolo Federal Credit Union, answered our plea for help (specifically for more gently used baby clothes and baby items) in our staff newsletter, took it to the union's employees, and a couple of months later, she delivered bags and bags of clothes, a bassinet, a washtub, and the list goes on.

We are so grateful for this donation and for others like this that keep the program stocked to accommodate the growing clientele. Yolo Federal Credit Union has branches in Woodland, West Sacramento, and Davis. If you use their services, let the person behind the counter know that they are making a difference and we appreciate it.

For more information on ConmmuniCare's Stork's Nest Program or how to make a donation, please call me at 530-758-1510, ext. 1204.

JENNI JACOBS
Executive Coordinator

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 20, 2003
File No. 2003-289

The following person is doing business as Kafer Life Magazine, 2362 Sansome St., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Joe Hill, 2362 Sansome St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 20 Mar. 2003.

/s/Joe Hill

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by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 18, 2003
File No. 2003-217

The following person is doing business as Marketing Matters, 44917 S. El Macero Dr., El Macero CA 95618:

Julie A. Rogers, same address.

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/s/Julie A. Rogers

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TIME OF PREVIOUSLY NOTICED HEARING

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on April 2, 2003 at **6:00 PM** or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested parties are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Resolution 03-16 confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering improvements (maintenance) to be made for Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1.

2. Resolution 03-17 confirming the diagram and assessment for Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 1 (Raley's Landing).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 18, 2003
File No. 2003-280

The following person is doing business as BJ's Vending Services, 2796 Costa Ct., West Sacramento CA 95691.

Bobbie Jean Balance, same address.

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/s/Bobbie Jean Ballance.

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Date: Mar 18, 2003
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 5, 2002
File No. 2002-650

The following person is doing business as River Valley Investors, 33980 South River Rd., Clarksburg CA 95612:

Andrew Johas, Jerry Pavlatos and George Psihos, 33980 S. River Rd., Clarksburg CA 95612.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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/s/Andrew J. Johas

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, Clerk
Date: Aug. 5, 2002
by: /s/, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 26, 2003
File No. 2003-207

The following person is doing business as RAE Consulting, 2671 Betty Way, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Valerie R. Howard, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb 26, 2003.

/s/Valerie R. Howard

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 26, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 24, 2003
File No. 2003-197

The following person is doing business as J&G Concrete and Carriers, 210 N. West St., Woodland CA 95695.

John Ibarra Jr., same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/24/03.

/s/John Ibarra

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Feb. 24, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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The world's largest mammal, the blue whale, weighs 50 tons at birth. Fully grown, it weighs as much as 150 tons.



Jefferson's library of approximately 6,000 books became the basis of the Library of Congress. His books were purchased from him for $23,950.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 3, 2003
File No. 2003-230

The following person is doing business as VICTORY MARKETING; DOIT AD SPECIALTY, 1722 Bidwell Place, Woodland CA 95695:

Eddy Allan, 1722 Bidwell Pl., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/03.

/s/Eddy Allan

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 1, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 7, 2003
File No. 2003-147

The following person is doing business as Woodland Janitorial Services, 195 Schuler Ranch Dr., Woodland CA 95695:

Maria S. Boeza, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 7, 2003.

/s/Maria Silvia Baeza

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb. 7, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 24, 2003
File No. 2003-195

The following person is doing business as Kopykat Printing; Kopykat; Copycat Printing; Copycat, 351 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

Lindo Enterprises, Inc., 351 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/12/02.

/s/Grace A. Lindo
Vice President
Lindo Enterprises, Inc.

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Feb. 24, 2003
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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Trust everybody, but cut the cards.
—Finley Peter Dunne

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER PT03-437

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Deborah Ann Austin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Deborah Ann Austin. Proposed name: Deborah Ann Pierce.

THE COURT ORDER that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 4/23/03 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News-Ledger.

Date: 3/3/03

THOMAS E. WARRINER
Judge of the Superior Court

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PUZZLES & COMICS

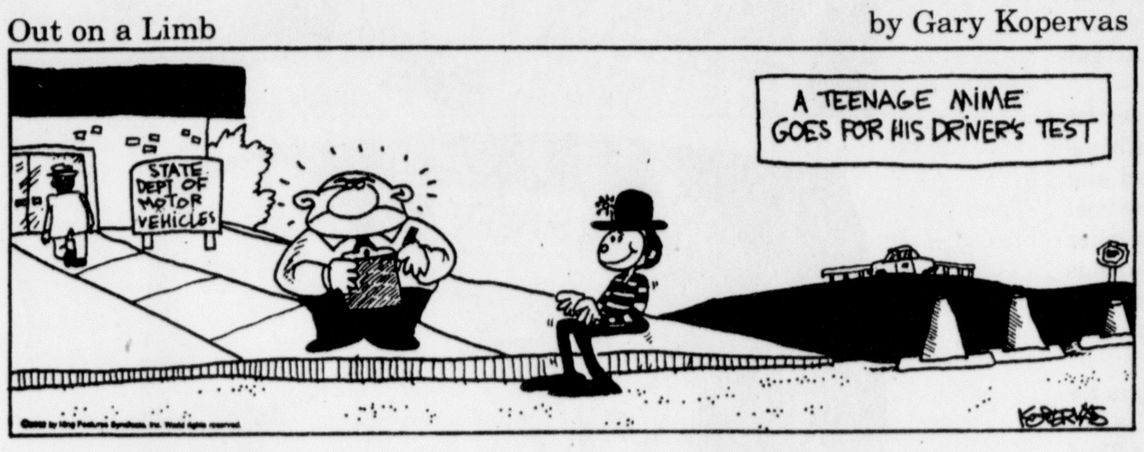
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



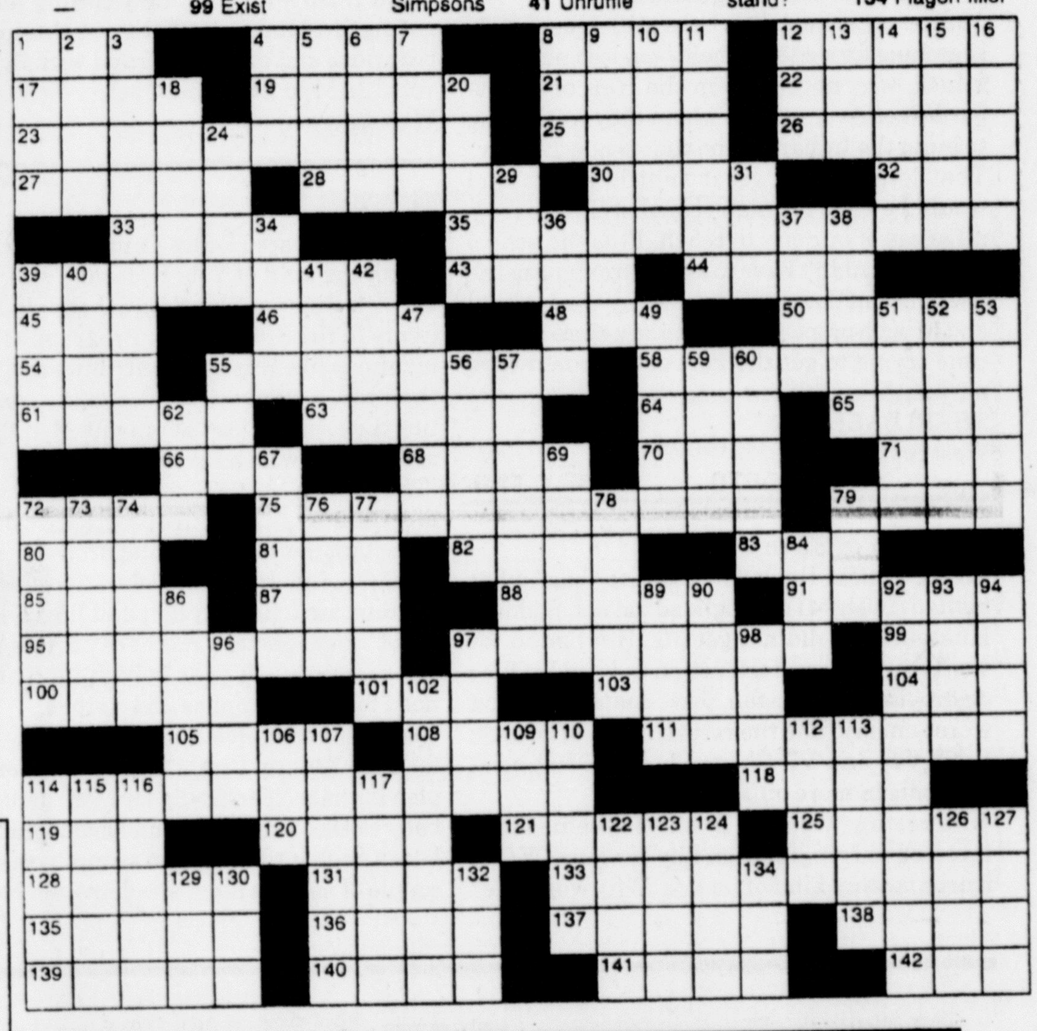


Super Crossword

HEALTH SCARE

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1 Matterhorn, e.g.
4 It's a long story
8 Steel support
12 Iridescent stones
17 Ocho —, Jamaica
19 Move through mud
21 Submarine base?
22 Warhol subject
23 Start of a remark
25 Not give — (be indifferent)
26 Play
27 Moshe of Israel
28 Growl
30 Appearance
32 Pro foe
33 Walked
35 Part 2 of remark
39 Lillie or Straight
43 Coasted
44 — Pea (Popeye's kid)
45 "The Greek Tycoon" subject
46 Actress Tyne
48 Rock's Fleetwood —
50 Layette fasteners
54 Unwell
55 Fall in a heap
58 "The Messiah," for one
61 Electrical inventor
63 Word form for "large"
64 Morticia, to Pugsley
65 Coarse flour
66 Clean-air org.
68 Dutch painter
70 Ram's remark
71 Compass pt.
72 Casino cubes
75 Part 3 of remark
79 New Mexico resort
80 Curie or Arden
81 Actress Tyler
82 General Bradley
83 — Canals
85 A bad figure?
87 Alias initials
88 Corpulent
91 Furnishings
95 Noisy quarrels
97 Like some butter
99 Exist
100 Innsbruck's locale
101 Cable channel
103 Littler than little
104 JVC competitor
105 Summer stinger
108 Promise
111 Part of PG
114 Part 4 of remark
118 New York county
119 Sopranos' network
120 Geometry calculation
121 Trepidation
125 67 Down feature
128 — beaver
131 Can openers?
133 End of remark
135 Put on
136 Frozen capital
137 Flynn of films
138 Fabled racer
139 Mortise's mate
140 Have to have
141 '60s talk-show host
142 TV's "The Flying —"

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1 Parched
2 One of the Simpsons
3 Youthful hairdos
4 Fast flier
5 "Oh, woe!"
6 Wedding wear
7 Disoriented
8 Journalist Tarbell
9 — onion
10 Actor Delon
11 Matures
12 "Grumpy — Men" ('93 film)
13 Norm
14 You can count on them
15 "— Tree" ('62 hit)
16 Street talk
18 Get cracking
20 Rosemary and basil
24 "Are you — out?"
29 "— Abner"
31 Hot off the press
34 "The Aeneid" character
36 Use a stopwatch
37 Take a breather
38 Poison
39 Angler's danglers
40 Agatha's colleague
41 Unruffle
42 Grasso or Raines
47 Marina sight
49 Small band
51 Where the action is
52 Perahia's instrument
53 Pump parts
55 Graduation gear
56 Bandleader Perez
57 Wise guy
59 Laugh loudly
60 Pile up
62 Poe's "Annabel —"
67 Book of maps
69 Strike-breakers
72 Dutch pottery
73 Tower material?
74 Composer Franck
76 Walk in the woods
77 "Stop, sailor!"
78 Pick up the check
79 Low digit
84 Eccentric
86 Crab's expression
89 Lingerie item
90 Empedocles' last stand?
92 — coordinates
93 Namu or Willy
94 Genuine
96 Be — unto oneself
97 Home of the Osmonds
98 Thornfield governess
102 Distinguished
106 — Na Na
107 C&W's Dolly
109 It's in the bag
110 Chrissie of The Pretenders
112 Hockey's Lindros
113 Last inning
114 It's often heaved
115 Subside
116 Boston airport
117 Make one's hair stand on end?
122 Trail mix
123 Nimble
124 '82 Jeff Bridges film
126 Neutral tone
127 Rock hound?
129 Freud topic
130 Cartoon canine
132 Turf
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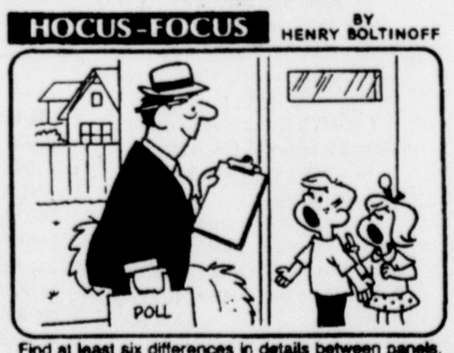
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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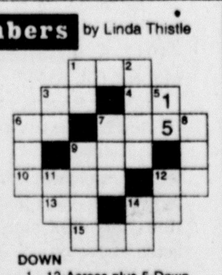
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Discount	Fryer	Purple	Thinker
Fat	In debt	Roasted	

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Consecutive odd digits rearranged
3. Digits of 13-Across reversed
4. Ten less than 3-Across
6. 12-Across minus 14-Down
7. 1-Down times 12-Down
9. 12-Down plus 14-Down
10. Digits of 7-Across rearranged
12. Six less than 11-Down
13. One-fourth of 3-Down
14. Digits of 11-Down reversed
15. Three times 7-Down

DOWN
1. 13-Across plus 5-Down
2. Four more than 9-Down
3. Ten less than 6-Across
5. Four less than 14-Across
6. Two times 1-Across
7. Digits of 6-Down reversed
8. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
9. 15-Across plus 8-Down
11. Nine less than 9-Across
12. 6-Across plus 5-Down
14. Same digit repeated

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2. **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** .....(PG)
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4. **Sweet Home Alabama** ..(PG-13)
Reese Witherspoon (Touchstone Home Video)
5. **The Tuxedo** .....(PG-13)
Jackie Chan (DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
6. **City By the Sea** .....(R)
Robert De Niro (Warner Home Video)
7. **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** .....(PG)
Antonio Banderas (Dimension Home Video)
8. **The Bourne Identity** ....(PG-13)
Matt Damon (Universal Studios Home Video)
9. **The Banger Sisters** .....(R)
Goldie Hawn (FoxVideo)
10. **Knockaround Guys** .....(R)
Barry Pepper (New Line Home Ent.)

Roasted Vegetables

- *1 tablespoon olive oil*
- *1/2 pound peeled and cubed sweet potatoes*
- *1 pound peeled and cubed turnips*
- *10 cloves unpeeled garlic*
- *1 pound chopped onions*
- *2 teaspoons crumbled sage*
- *1/2 pound peeled and cut carrots*
- *2 teaspoons crumbled rosemary*

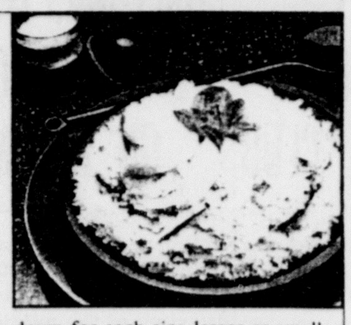
Preheat oven to 450 F. Heat a large, heavy roasting pan in oven for 15 minutes. Coat pan with half the oil and add vegetables, garlic and herbs. Drizzle remaining oil over vegetables in pan. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Seal tightly with aluminum foil and roast in oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil and roast 15-20 minutes more, or until vegetables are tender.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

HARD-COOKED EGGS ARE EASTER TRADITION



If you're planning an Easter egg hunt, here are a few hints to keep it a fun happening.

First, make a note of how many eggs you are hiding and list the hiding places. Then, if there are any unrecovered eggs, you'll know where to find them. Hide them as close to hunt time as possible. If the hunt is indoors, don't let anyone eat eggs that have been out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. If outdoors, the eggs should never be eaten because you can't know if they have been contaminated while outside.

So, cook an extra batch, refrigerate them and offer them for eating. Hard-cooked eggs should be used with a week.

Whether or not you're having a hunt, save the cartons. After you've cooked and colored the eggs, or if you are not coloring them immediately, return them to the carton and refrigerate them. Mark the carton to tell them apart from the uncooked. You don't want to shell a raw egg! As in any food preparation, wash hands before handling eggs, and be sure your young helpers do too. Don't color eggs that have cracked during cooking, though it's perfectly OK to eat them.

Follow our oft-repeated instructions for hard-cooking, and you'll have delicate, tender whites, and yolks without the unattractive greenish halo around them. Place eggs, in a single layer, in cold water to cover them by at least an inch. Cover pan and bring to a boil. Remove the covered pan from the burner immediately and let the eggs stand in the hot water for 15 minutes. (Adjust the standing time by 3 minutes up or down for each size larger or smaller.) Then place them under cold running water or in ice water until they're completely cooled, and then refrigerate them.

Now, what to do with leftover hard-cooked eggs after the feasting and fun? Slice them for sandwiches, chop them to garnish a vegetable, add them to a casserole, halve them for stuffed eggs or use them in a salad such as this Moroccan couscous delight, rich with vegetables and dried fruit.

MOROCCAN EGG SALAD

- *1 (10 3/4-ounce) can condensed chicken broth, undiluted*
- *1 cup quick-cooking couscous*
- *1/3 cup chopped mixed, dried fruits*
- *1/4 cup cooking oil*
- *2 tablespoons lemon juice*
- *1/2 teaspoon ground cumin*
- *6 hard-cooked eggs, divided*
- *1 cup julienned zucchini (about 4 ounces)*
- *1/2 cup shredded carrot (about 1 large)*
- *1/4 cup chopped green onions with tops*
- *Spinach leaves, optional*

1. In medium saucepan, bring broth to boil. Stir in couscous and fruits. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 5 minutes.

2. In medium bowl, blend together oil, lemon juice and cumin. Add reserved couscous and toss until evenly moistened. Chop 4 of the eggs. Add to couscous mixture along with zucchini, carrot and onions. Toss until well-combined. Wedge remaining 2 eggs. To serve, mound on serving plate. Garnish with egg wedges, and spinach leaves, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Willard"

Running time: 95 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

There are times when the idea for a movie is just soooo cool that the actual film could never live up to the expectations. "Willard" is just such a film.

The idea of Crispin Glover, Hollywood's heir-apparent to Anthony Perkins, playing the title role in a remake of 1971's "Willard" is a camp lover's saucy dream come true.

Unfortunately, the film, while enjoyable thanks to Glover's bravura performance, just doesn't deliver the creepiness and thrills that it could have.

Glover plays Willard Stiles, a nebbish milquetoast of a man who is berated by his boss, a victim of a domineering shrew of a mother, and an all-round Eeew Factory.

Willard befriends a kind and extremely smart white rat he names Socrates. He also makes friends with Ben, a humongous brown rat that is as big as a cat and who is also smart and hellbent on being King Rat.

After being fired by his boss, Willard summons his rat army to take revenge on the old man, and that's when the movie gets interesting. Whenever we have scenes featuring the mob of rats (more than 500 live rodents were used), the movie kicks butt.

But then, there is also a sticky, boring subplot involving Willard and an office temp named Cathryn (played by the luscious Laura Elena Harding of "Mulholland Drive"). Willard is so far out of Cathryn's league that the whole relationship just thuds the movie to a halt. And that's one of the problems with the film.

The other problem with "Willard" is its PG-13 rating. All the cool gory



Crispin Glover as "Willard"

parts have been left on the cutting-room floor in order to release a movie that will grab a wider demographic. If New Line had released this film with an R-rating and kept some of the horrific parts in, this movie would've been a little better. Maybe we'll get an unrated DVD release — and a better movie — in home video.

Still, there are enough good scenes and a brilliant performance by Glover to warrant a visit to the theater.

Grade: C+

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PAGE EIGHT THE YOLO INDEPENDENT FRI

LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 4 feet 6 inches U. S. guage at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday.

Warning is issued by Postoffice authorities that owing to an unprecedented amount of mail and parcel post expected during the Christmas holidays shipments must be made early to insure delivery before Christmas. Postmaster Bennetts is in receipt of instructions from the Postmaster General advising that all mail and packages to be forwarded by parcel post and destined to points east of Chicago must be forwarded from here not later than Dec. 14th. Packages destined to points west of Chicago and as far west as the State of Nevada should be sent not later than Dec. 16th. Packages and mail destined to points in California should be posted on or before Dec. 23rd. A letter from the Postmaster General explaining the above was real last Monday to all the children in the public school.

Henry Steuben and family have moved from Sacramento to make their permanent home in Washington. They are located in the Hauser house lately vacated by Howard Lee.

Last Tuesday Judge Barry sent Manuel Azevedo and Frank Hall to the County Jail to spend 90 days with Sheriff Monroe. Azevedo has been known as a drug peddler from Sacramento and was taken up on this side of the river by Constable Buckingham who found a quantity of cocaine and morphine in his possession. Hall was charged with vagrancy to get him in out of the bad weather for a short time.

Putzman repairs all models of bicycles. 1015 J street.

Constable Buckingham paid his bill for repairs to his automobile last Wednesday in the amount of $245. He has placed the bill for damages in the hands of an attorney for collection from a Woodland youth who while riding a motorcycle on Sunday prior to Thanksgiving ran him down and nearly killed him with several others who were in the car. It is barely possible that he may be unable to secure any damages, the youth being improvident and without resources.

J. D. Barry, Jr., went to Vallejo Wednesday for a short trip to collect some back wages coming to him for his work at Mare Island.

Mrs. Florence Johnson (Buckingham) was up from Stockton last Tuesday to visit with her relatives in Washington. She returned to her home in Stockton Wednesday evening.

Ed. Speicher is down from Hilt after spending several months of the past year in the lumbering business. He intends to return as soon as the lumbering business opens up again.

Putzman's auto supplies are back to old prices. 1015 J street.

There was an overflow in a vacant lot on Fourth street between Anne and Harriet streets last Wednesday afternoon when Jack Stoutenburg fell into an old cesspool that had been in use during the past 20 years. A new-comer, building some houses on his property, asked Jack to excavate a new cesspool 10 feet square and 8 feet deep. Jack started the work all right and finished it in good shape, but on climbing to the surface happened to step on a weak plank. That broke and Jack was precipitated to the bottom of the hole. He weighs only 320 pounds and the shock was so great that the bank separating the new cesspool from the old one gave way. Immediately Jack was deluged with the overflow from the old cesspool. He hollered with all his might, fearing that his time had come. His boss ran to his rescue and failing to see him wondered what become of him. Violent kicking and much splurging at the bottom of the pool drew his attention, but he thought it was only a big carp that had found its way in from the river. Gradually Jack managed to get on his feet and emerged from the slime. Two ropes were put around him and he was hauled to the surface. Garden hose was borrowed from all the neighbors and used on his person so that he gradually became recognizable. After a hot bath Jack was none the worse for his experience, but his neighbors have been complaining about a strong odor of limburger cheese.

An attempt was made last Tuesday night by some house-breakers to get into the Klefman home on Fourth street. The tiny dog made such a racket that the burglars were scared away.

Flemming Peek has been down with a severe cold for the past few days.

Mrs. William Wilson is at her home to stay, in all likelihood, during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Last Tuesday night a traveler from the West nearly got into trouble at the Fifth-street crossing and the railroad tracks. He failed to notice the eastward turn and ran onto the railroad tracks just as a passenger train was approaching from the west. One of his front wheels became wedged between two rails holding him steadfast. Several boys who were keeping Mike Judge company during the early evening went to his rescue and dragged him out of the rut just before the train came along.

Not a man can be found around Washington these days, or for several weeks past. Usually a few of the local boys who work at nights in the railroad shops or on the road can be found around town, but they seem to be too busy at the present to waste any time. Everybody in Washington seems to be busy and evidently they are all at work either in the rice mills south of town or in the other big plants in this locality.

Mrs. E. Reynolds, janitress of the Washington School, suffered a painful burn of the hand last Thursday when the water gauge of the school furnace blew off.

Mrs. C. Ahlstrom of Oak Park was a guest yesterday at the home of Mrs. P. K. Graves.

Decorations for the school Christmas tree have been purchased by a committee of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. William Gordon has returned to Napa after spending the week-end visiting at the O. P. Cook home.

Mrs. William Hughes (Veda White) has left for Los Angeles after spending a week as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. White, Sr. Mrs. Hughes will visit in Berkeley on the way to her home.

F. L. White, Jr., of Washington and Irvin Moddison of Sacramento enjoyed a duck hunt last Sunday in Colusa County. Mrs. White and Mrs. Moddison spent the day visiting in Wheatland.

A special meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held last Monday to make plans for the Christmas tree and entertainment to be held December 21st at the school. The following committees were appointed: Candy, Mrs. E. Klefman; trees, nuts and oranges, Mrs. S. T. Rickard, Mrs. O. P. Cook and Mrs. F. Moser; decorations, Mrs. B. Parkinson, Mrs. A. A. Dassonville, Mrs. J. K. Manchester. The program for the entertainment is to be in charge of the teachers of the school. From the recent dance given by the Parent-Teacher Association $87.50 was cleared, which will be used to defray the expenses of the entertainment.

Blair Manchester has returned from a week-end visit in San Francisco.

The Washington Fire Commissioners are having the fire hydrants repaired.

A number of the members of Zion Lutheran Church gave a surprise party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. P. K. Graves in celebration of her birthday. Rev. A. G. Anderson, pastor of the church, gave a short talk and also made a speech of presentation of a set of silver to Mrs. Graves from the guests. Those present were Rev. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rhoden, Mr. and Mrs. C. Friberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Z. Ahl, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ahlstrom, Mr. and Mrs. L. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Torkelson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olsen, Misses Frances Timberg, Bertha Torkelson, Olga Torkelson, Ethel Larsen, Evelyn Larsen, Elva Ahl, Doris Norton, and Walter Torkelson.

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GALA NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY FOR BRYTE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Residents of Bryte who are so deeply interested in their home district intend to make history next Saturday evening at the benefit dance that is to be given by the Improvement Club.

The Committee of Arrangements has been so active that every man and woman in the district is stirred to expectancy and they have become so enthused that they communicated the disease to residents of Washington and even of Sacramento.

Hundreds of tickets have been sold for the dance and hundreds have promised to be present just to show their appreciation of the home pride that permeates residents of the district.

The Bryte benefit dances are not of the ordinary kind. They are down right country dances where everybody is at home and where few formalities stand in the way of lasting friendships. These dances are wholesouled affairs, devoid of puritanism and devoid of offishness. Here everybody mingles without restraint.

The purpose of these dances is to raise sufficient funds to purchase a lot on which to build a town hall. A good part of the purchase price has already been raised and paid for the selected site. The balance it is expected will be raised at the masquerade to be held on New Year's eve for the same purpose.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN ON DECEMBER 21ST

Under the leadership of the Parent-Teachers Association a public Christmas tree will be held in the auditorium of the public school on Wednesday, December 21st.

The P. T. A. has been preparing for this Christmas tree for several weeks past and the school children are getting a program ready for the event.

A great tree has been secured for the occasion and will be left in the building during the Christmas holidays. Decorations will be added as soon as the tree arrives from Truckee.

Every child will receive something to remind them that Santa Claus has not forgot that there is not such a place as Washington.

On Friday night, December 23d, the children of the Sunday-school will have the time of their lives when a Christmas tree of a public character will be held in the school auditorium. The same tree will serve on both occasions and as it is an extra large one the decorations from both associations will be placed together to decorate it.

CACHE CREEK BRIDGE OPENED TO TRAVEL

Woodland, Dec. 8.—The Nelson bridge, spanning Cache Creek at a point on the main highway between Woodland and Knights Landing, today was opened to travel. The bridge was erected at a cost of $20,000, and is of the concrete arch type.

Supervisor Frank Edson, in whose district the bridge lays, was the first to drive an automobile across the structure.

Chester Rowell, President of the State Railroad Commission has announced himself as ready to campaign in favor of the Wright act next November.

And he has the backing of the Anti-Saloon League.

Let us change the State government.

WOODLAND DRUNK NOT KNOWN IN WASHINGTON

A story published in a Sacramento paper last Tuesday and carrying a Woodland date line, drew the attention of several local residents. The story read:

Woodland, Dec. 6. — John Getemen, Broderick resident, whose bank book showed he had some $850 on deposit in a Sacramento trust company bank, ran amuck at the Woodland sanitarium where he was a patient, and had to be locked up in the county jail. Geteman left the hospital for some "medicine," so he said, but instead annexed a bottle of moonshine and returned with the bottle, a revolver and a knife. Nurses asked protection and the fellow was jailed by Sheriff J. W. Monroe."

The party mentioned in the dispatch is not known in Washington, but it is becoming customary for the Woodland papers to claim all the drunks come from Washington.

Notice, however, that the moonshine was secured in Woodland.

SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS ASKED FOR BEE LOSS

Woodland, Dec. 2.—Six hundred dollars damages is asked of C. H. Fisher by E. B. Black, who accuses Fisher of causing a fire that destroyed forty-three stands of honey bees belonging to Black. The plaintiff alleges that Fisher started a stubble fire and was careless, allowing it to spread to the bee hives.

The case will be tried in the Yolo Superior Court. Judge William A. Anderson will preside.

A Japanese girl, Yuriko Furuta, has been elected by her class in the Oakland High School as valedictorian for the graduation exercises.

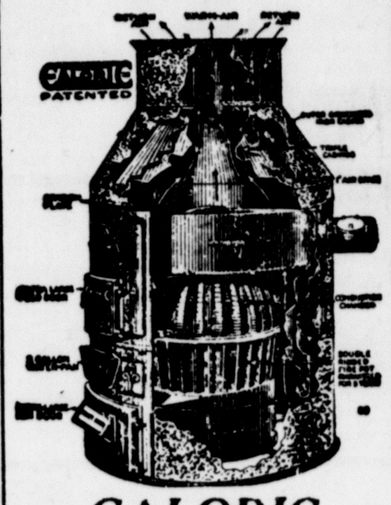
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Police log

March 25, 8 a.m.

A 2002 Ford van was reported stolen from Seaport Blvd.

March 25, 11:20 a.m.

A juvenile girl was reported to have an ongoing sexual relationship with an adult man.

March 26, 8 a.m.

A Nissan pickup truck was reported to have been stolen during the night from Kelly Island Rd.

March 26, 9:13 a.m.

On Canna Way, a car was burglarized. A briefcase and cell phone were taken.

March 26, 12:30 p.m.

An officer was dispatched to a report of a suspicious car, with occupants, on D St. When the officer approached, the car took off. It was later found empty in Old Sacramento, and determined to have been stolen.

March 26, 1:30 p.m.

On Gadwell Ct., a stereo speaker was found in somebody's front yard.

March 26, 1:30 p.m.

A stolen Toyota Camry was recovered from Summerfield Park.

March 26, 1:50 p.m.

A '92 Honda Civic was reported stolen from Palomar Ave.

March 26, 11:45 a.m.

A Kenworth truck was reported stolen from a Galveston St. business.

March 26

Three officers were assigned to traffic patrol on Southport Parkway and Golden Gate, with an emphasis on speeders. Ten citations were issued and one car was towed.

March 26, 11:05 p.m.

On West Capitol, an officer was handling a call regarding a disturbance when a man threatened the officer with a large dog. The man was told he was under arrest and told repeatedly to put the dog inside, but the man refused to do so. The officer used a Taser electronic stunning weapon on the dog. The suspect pulled the dog into the residence, and was soon arrested.

March 27, 12:50 a.m.

An 18-year old man and two 17-year olds were arrested for spraying graffiti on a building and truck. They were cited and released; the juveniles into the custody of their parents.

March 27, 1:49 p.m.

In the north part of the city, a woman reported an 18-year old man had argued with her and then grabbed a baseball bat and threatened to "off" her. She said she feared for the safety of herself and her child. The suspect, who had left the scene, drove back while an officer was present, and was arrested.

March 29, 2:33 p.m.

An officer saw a 19-year old Sacramento woman walking along West Capitol Ave. over a period of about two hours. She was then seen approaching a vehicle with a single male driver, after she had been on the same corner for about an hour. The officer contacted the woman, who admitted she was on probation for prostitution. She smelled of marijuana, and a pat-search turned up 3.1 grams of the drug. She was arrested.

March 30, 2:21 a.m.

An officer attempted a traffic stop of an 18-year old male driver near Hardy and Anna. The car fled and was pursued to Sacramento before stopping. The driver said he had fled because he had no license. He was arrested.

March 31, 3:48 p.m.

On the 3200-block of West Capitol, a 46-year old man stabbed a victim in the chest and back after a verbal argument at an apartment. The suspect was arrested.

March 31, 1:30 a.m.

An officer stopped a vehicle for a code violation near Harbor and West Capitol, and the driver consented to a search. Stolen property was found in the car. A 25-year old Pollock Pines man and 33-year old Sacramento woman in the car were arrested.

April 1, 12:25 a.m.

A West Sacramento woman said her husband violated a court order by following her and threatening to "bury" her if she kept him from his son. Police located the suspect sleeping in a truck with a camper shell near Third St. The court order was found to be valid, and the man was booked.

April 1, 12:35 a.m.

An officer stopped a 22-year old El Dorado man for driving on the wrong side of the road near West Capitol and Fourth. The man admitted drinking, failed a field sobriety test, and tested at twice the legal limit for alcohol concentration in the bloodstream. He was booked.

April 1, 1:45 a.m.

A man walked into the backyard of an ex-girlfriend and yelled at her. Police arrived and saw him coming out. The man appeared intoxicated, and was a parolee. He was arrested.

SPORTS from p. 3

season with a younger pitching staff. The G-men promoted Kurt Ainsworth, Damian Moss and Ryan Jensen to the starting rotation with Kirk Rueter and Jason Schmidt.

The big question for the defending National League Champions is will they be a better club in 2003?

Bad news for the Giants, who announced that closer Robb Nen will be placed on the 15-day disabled list. Remember, pitching wins pennants!

Major League baseball visited West Sacramento on this weekend with the Texas Rangers beating the Mariners 6-5 on Saturday followed by the Oakland A's 12-1 victory on Sunday over their farm team, the River Cats.

The local fans were treated with a beautiful day at the ballpark that featured home runs off the bats of Rafael Palmeiro, Todd Greene and Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki. Ichiro treated the 14,015 fans in attendance with his excellent batting skills, going 3 for 4 while playing seven innings in right field.

On Sunday Miguel Tejeda, the reigning American League Most Valuable Player, slammed a grand slam to power the A's attack before a sun drenched crowd of 14,611 at Raley Field. The Oakland A's were in town preparing for their home opener on Tuesday night (7 p.m.) against Seattle. Major League baseball has arrived!

The River Cats will rest for a few days before they open their season on Thursday, April 3rd against Portland. Tickets are still available by calling (916) 371-HITS.

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Attention youth:

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RCHS beautification

The River City High School Parent Club is sponsoring "Beautification Days" on Saturdays, April 12 & 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school. Volunteers are invited to show up with rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, edgers and other gardening implements. Students may earn community service hours. For more information, call Bonnie Broxton, 375-7800.

Easter egg hunt

The Scepter Masonic Lodge of West Sacramento will sponsor an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon on Sat., April 12, at Southport Elementary School, 2747 Linden Road. There will be hunts for kids age 3-5 and for kids 6-12, as well as a child ID program, prizes, balloons and fun.

Interfaith

The West Sacramento Interfaith gathering invites you to its monthly Brown Bag Luncheon. This one will be held at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 West Capitol Ave., on Friday, April 4, at noon. Call 371-8804 for information.

Photo exhibit

Photographers Diane Corley, Mimi Salazar, Tino Salazar, Pitt Turner and Roy Vogel will display their works at the Arthur F. Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. in West Sacramento, through April. The public is invited to a reception for the artists on April 5 from 2-4 p.m. Exhibit can be viewed during normal library hours.

RCHS open house

River City High School will hold an open house on Wed., April 16, from 6-8 p.m. At 6 p.m., there will be open classrooms, displays, demonstrations, and multi-cultural food in the cafeteria. Beginning at 7, there will be entertainment, presentations and recognitions at the gym. The public is invited.

Art contest

Yolo County students from kindergarten to junior high are invited to submit entries to the Yolo County Water Conservation District's annual water awareness poster contest. Posters should reflect the theme, "Use Water Wisely and Keep it Clean, It's a Way of Life." Deadline is April 11. Grand prize is $50 plus $100 to the classroom of the winning student. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three finishers in each grade category. For further information, call (530) 666-2733 or email wra@dcn.org.

Youth football

Kids interested in youth tackle football or cheerleading may sign up with the West Sacramento Jr. Raiders (formerly Bears). Ages 7-14. Call 554-0677 for dates and locations of signups and other information.

Young artists

Nine artists from Naqiba Gregory's first-semester art class at Golden State Middle School are showing their work at two different exhibits. A linoleum print by Irina Lopatin is on display at the Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. in Sacramento, with a reception scheduled for 1-3 p.m. on Sun., March 23. Works by eight other students are on display at KOVR Channel 13, 2713 KOVR Dr. in West Sacramento, with a reception scheduled for 4-6 p.m. on Friday, March 28. These students are Liliya Karpekin, Tamara Lopatin, Alex Plugovoy, Nelli Markevich, May Vang, Meriah Sanders, Johnny Sateurn and Kirill Voronenko. The public is invited to view their works and attend the receptions.

Child care funding

The Yolo Co. Children and Families Commission announces that $2.5 million in funding is available over a five-year period to assist in access to child care and education in Yolo County. Requests for proposals are being accepted, with a conference for potential proposers scheduled for 9 a.m. on April 3 at 227 Elm St. in Woodland. For information, call (530) 669-2475.

Child development

The City of Davis Child Care Services will host this year's Yolo County Child Development Conference, scheduled for all day on Sat., April 5 at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E. 14th St., Davis. Workshops will focus on developmental issues, creative activities, parenting, special needs and other topics. Pre-registration by March 27 is $25. Call (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001. Parents, teachers, child care professionals and other interested people are invited.

Cheerleading

Those interested in making the River City High School cheerleading squad may attend a tryout clinic March 31 through April 3, 6-8 p.m. at the RCHS gymnasium. Tryouts will be held Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m. at the gym. Contact Advisor/Coach Leslie Pruitt at 375-7604, ext. 7864, for more information.

Pasta for Sea Scouts

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host an "all you can eat" pasta dinner to benefit the West Sacramento Sea Scouts program. The dinner will be held Sat., April 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the lodge, 423 Third St. Cost is $10 per adult, $5 for kids under 12. For ticket info, call 372-4533. The program uses a restored 63-foot Air Force rescue vessel to teach seamanship and responsibility.

Father/daughter dance

The city's annual Father/Daughter Dance is planned for April 11/12 at the West Sacramento Civic Center. Enjoy a semi-formal evening with gourmet catered dinner, a DJ for dancing to the oldies and fun activity. $45 per father/daughter couple. Space is limited; sign up early. Professional photos available for a fee. For more information, call 617-4620 or visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us.

Easter service

First Southern Baptist Church, 2124 Michigan Blvd., will host a praise and worship Easter celebration on Good Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Michigan and Maple. Visitors are welcome.

Electronic/metal waste

The City of West Sacramento's Refuse & Recycling division will host a Household Electronic Waste & Metal Collection Day on Sat., April 12, at Tower Court and West Capitol from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off your computer monitors and television sets for a fee of $10 to $25 depending on size (exact change, cash only, please). Also accepted at no charge are non-toxic electronic equipment, scrap metal, washers, dryers and exercise equipment. For information, call 617-4589.

New cable channel

Beginning April 7, two cable TV channels will be used by the City of West Sacramento, and all local government meetings will move to Channel 20 from Channel 21. Channel 21 will be available for other programming. For information, or to ask for programming on Channel 21, call the city clerk, 617-4500, or call 617-4777.

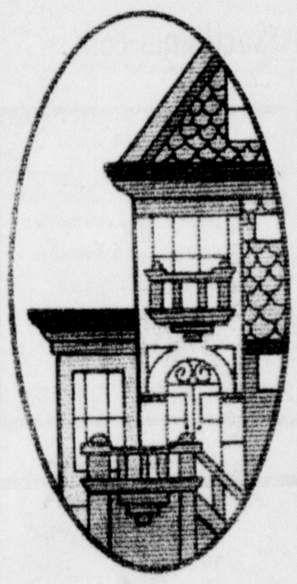
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Spring fest/rummage

Holy Cross School is holding its spring festival Sun., April 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 800 Todhunter Ave. Fun, food, music and entertainment. The school's "Angel's Attic" rummage sale will be held Sat., April 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sun., April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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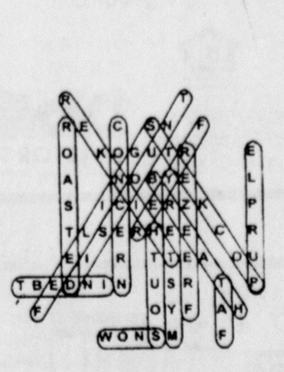


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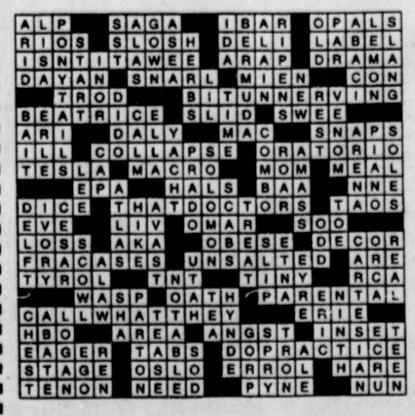
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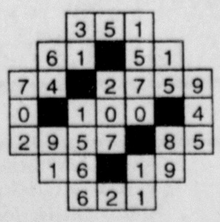


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1. Rocky Coppinger won 10 games in 1996.
2. George and Dick Sisler.
3. One; in his junior year in 1988, after backing up Thurman Thomas for two seasons, Sanders rushed for 2,628 yards. He jumped to the NFL after the 1988 season.
4. The Boston Celtics in 2001-02 (Antoine Walker, 222 3-poiners made; Paul Pierce, 210).
5. Five; Wayne Cashman, Roger Neilson, Craig Ramsay, Bill Barber and current coach Ken Hitchcock.
6. Randy Pedersen at the 2002 Pepsi Open.
7. True.

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